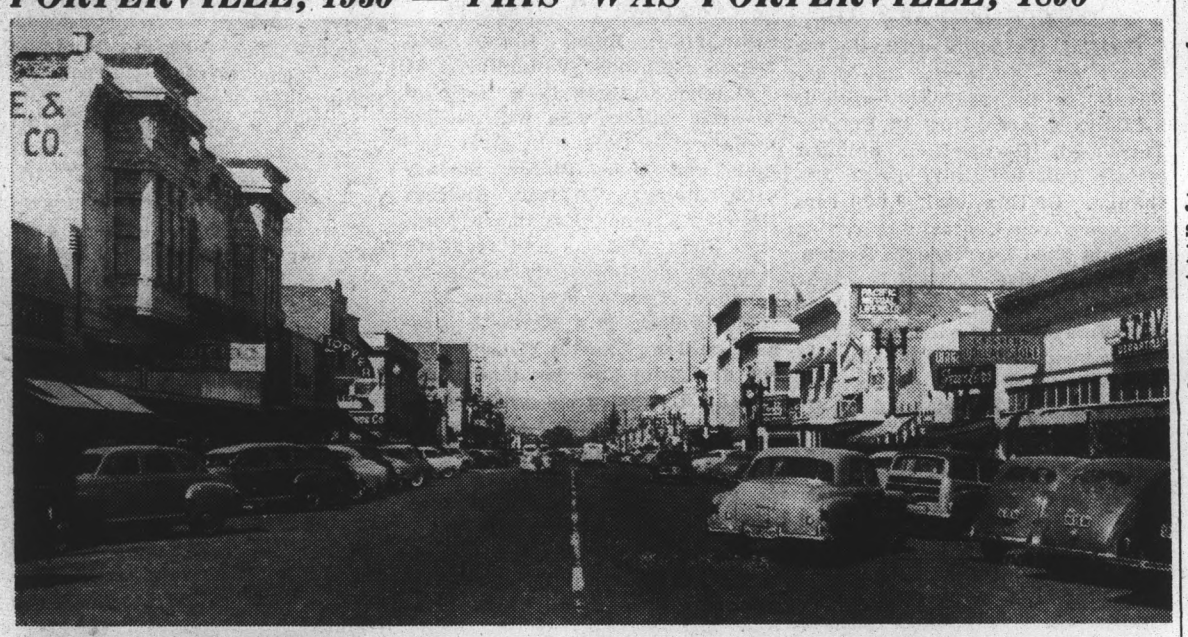
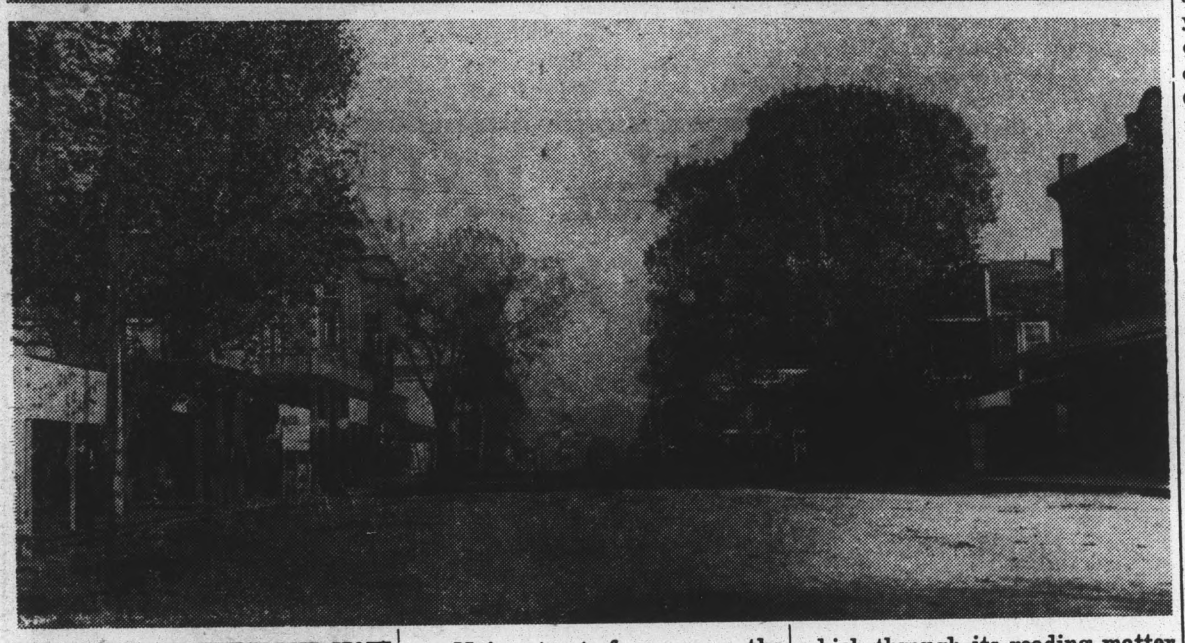
MAKE A DATE - ANNUAL VETERANS' HOMECOMING - PORTERVILLE, NOV. 11

PORTERVILLE, 1950 — THIS WAS PORTERVILLE, 1890





PORTERVILLE THEN AND NOW is shown vividly in these contrasting pictures, upper taken in October of 1950, bottom taken about 1890, both looking north on Main street from near the middle of the block north of Oak street. These pictures set the theme for this annual Progress Edition of The Farm Tribune, which through its reading matter and its advertising, tells a story of progress through the years in our great community.

'50 HOMECOMING CELEBRATION WILL AGAIN BE GREAT DAY OF PORTERVILLE ENTERTAINMENT

Porterville is again ready to play host to the southern San Joaquin valley at its 32nd annual Veterans' Homecoming celebration, sponsored by Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Porterville Post No. 20, The American Legion, on Saturday, November 11.

A great, homecoming parade will open the day's celebration—a parade that will feature 11 bands, colorful floats, mounted groups, marching units, oldtime horse-drawn vehicles and automobiles; decorated cars and bicycles and special entries.

Following the 10 A.M. parade, a "battle of bands" will be held on Main street, with high school and elementary school bands competing on a basis of marching ability and musical ability.

Afternoon program includes football at the high school field and the annual pioneer reunion at the high school cafeteria. This year's pioneer program is in charge of the Porterville chapter of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, with members arranging a noon luncheon, an af-

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PROGRESS

This is the second annual Progress Edition of The Farm Tribune—an issue devoted to the old and the new, to the now and then of the Porterville area to show progress being made in our great community. (Watch the date lines as you read.) Our special thanks goes to Miss Ina Stiner, Anna L. Norris and Howard J. Frame for their assistance with historical data and to Hammonds, Edwards and Jim Lusk for their picture work. And, of course, to the advertisers who make such an edition possible.

FIRST MAYOR



WILCO MENTZ, pioneer rancher, business man and banker in the Porterville community; a member of Porterville's first city council, elected in 1902, and first mayor of the city.

The FARM TRIBUNE

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PRORATE MEETING TUESDAY

Prorate committee hearing concerning Central California Navel oranges will be held today in Lindsay at the office of the Central California Citrus Exchange, at which time a decision is expected on when first navel oranges from the 1950 crop will start to move.

Opinion of growers and shippers is that shipping should be held off until fruit reaches good maturity — until a "quality orange" can be placed on the market.

Outlook is favorable for the season, since practically all southern California Valencias will be off the market; since a relatively light crop is in prospect and since Navel oranges this year appear to be of exceptionally high quality.

Greatest competition this year is expected from canned citrus concentrates and juices which have made rapid market gains during the past year or two.

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Twenty-Fifth Annual P.P.A. Meeting Nov. 14

Men who were instrumental in formation of the Porterville Poultry association, that has now expanded into the San Joaquin Valley Poultry Producers association, will be honored at the 25th annual meeting and dinner of the association scheduled for the Porterville high school cafeteria the evening of November 14.

John Reynolds, manager of the Central Valley Empire association, will act as master of ceremonies; C. A. Heffernan, association manager, will give his annual report.

A special table will be set for past directors and their families; some of the oldtimers in the association will be called upon to recount experiences during early years of the organization.

The association now has branches in Fresno and Bakersfield. Last year a new plant and mill was completed at Fresno as one of the most modern of its kind in the nation.

4-H WEEK OBSERVANCE IS PLANNED

A number of southern Tulare county 4-H club members and leaders will be honored at a 4-H council potluck dinner meeting November 7 in Tulare in observance of National 4-H Achievement week, November 5-12.

Silver clover certificates and silver clover 4-H pins, representing five years of 4-H leadership, will go to Twyla Wilson, Vandalia; Dale Gill, Springville; Herbert Kramer, Earlimart and Earl Mortensen, Burton.

Certificates are presented by the cooperative extension service of the United States department of agriculture and the University of California; pins are awarded by the Tulare County 4-H Council.

Junior leader pins will go to Robert Atkin, Alta Vista; Frances Wilson, Burton; Bill Rambo, Joan Tartaglia, Gene Tartaglia, Virginia Andreas and John Andreas, Earlimart; Harold Spuhler, Prairie Center; U. A. Hatfield,

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Wilco Mentz, Pioneer Business Man Served As First Mayor Of Porterville

By Ina H. Stiner

Wilko Mentz was chosen by the other members as president of the first board of trustees of the City of Porterville. These members: Wilko Mentz, Dr. O. C. Higgins, John N. Larson, A. A. Abbey, and Fred Ackerman, were elected by the citizens on May 3, 1902. Porterville was at that time incorporated as a city of the sixth class. Mr. Mentz served until 1906 as "mayor."

Wilko Mentz had come to Porterville in 1874 at the age of 17 to work with his father, Henry Mentz, in the cattle business. Henry Mentz was a German who came to San Francisco in 1850 and married there Regina Meyer. Wilko, born January 5, 1957, was their only child; his mother died in 1871. In the 60's, after the flood of 1862 had hurt him elsewhere, Henry Mentz got into the cattle business at Tule River and acquired the cattle ranch above Vandalia which was recently sold to the State of California for the Epileptic Hospital, and also the one on Deer Creek still owned by the Mentz'.

Wilko Mentz had had business training in City College in San Francisco and preferred accounts to the outdoor work of a cattleman; so after a while he entered the service of Porter Putnam in the principal mercantile house in Porterville.

In February, 1882, he was appointed postmaster—the Post Office being in the Putnam building (according to Hobart Webster, Sr., who came here in 1884.) Wilko Mentz took the Post Office with him when he bought the merchandise business of Gilliam and Gilmer and the building housing it at the south of Putnam's store. (According to Mr. Webster, who began keeping Mr. Putnam's accounts, that was in 1884.)

Mr. Mentz kept the Post Office until June, 1888. He also had the Wells Fargo Express Office in his store, in which building it

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FAIR RIBBONS TO BE GIVEN AT DINNER

Persons who assisted in preparation of Porterville's first-prize-winning community booth at the 1950 Tulare county fair will be honored tonight at a banquet to be given at Gang Sue's Tea Garden at 8 p.m. by the Porterville chapter of the California Young Farmers.

Ribbons will be presented, during the evening, to those persons who showed prize-winning produce in the Porterville booth. The display was handled through cooperation of the California Young Farmers and the Porterville chamber of commerce.

Leland Swall Again Heads Dairy Association

Leland Swall, Tulare, was reelected president of the Tulare County Dairy Herd Improvement association at an annual meeting held October 25 in Tulare, with other officers including: James Reed, Visalia, vice president; Edward Cate, Jr., Tulare, secretary and Eldon Nagel, Tulare, Axie Morgan, Visalia; Harry Spalding, Visalia; Shelby Clark, Tulare and Stanley Knight, Tipton, directors.

Mrs. J. W. Taylor of Visalia was awarded the Trev-Moore trophy for having highest purebred herd average for the year, the average being 516.3 lbs. of buterfat for 46 purebred Holstein cows. Mark and Bruce Borror of Springville again won the Harry Crowe Hardware trophy; their Holstein cow, Sequoia Lyons Quality produced 846.6 pounds in 305 days. The Sequoia Stock Farm award was made to A. A. Jenkins of Tulare

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SPORTSMEN PLAN TURKEY SHOOT

Free Thanksgiving turkeys (free, that is if you're handy with a shotgun or rifle) will be the feature attraction at a turkey shoot, to be given November 19 at the Porterville Municipal airport range by the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association.

O. J. McNiece, Strathmore, chairman of the shoot, states that competition will be setup for blue rocks and small bore rifles. Guns and ammunition will be available at the range for persons not having their own.

Directors of the Sportsmen's association will meet tomorrow night at the Porterville Elks lodge to work out detailed plans for the shoot. President Harry J. Johnson will preside.

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Leland Swall Head Dairy Assn.

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on his purebred Jersey herd for making the greatest increase in herd average over last year's average.

Eldon Nagel of Tulare won the Arden Farms trophy for the second time for his herd having the highest average production in a grade herd less than 50 cows.

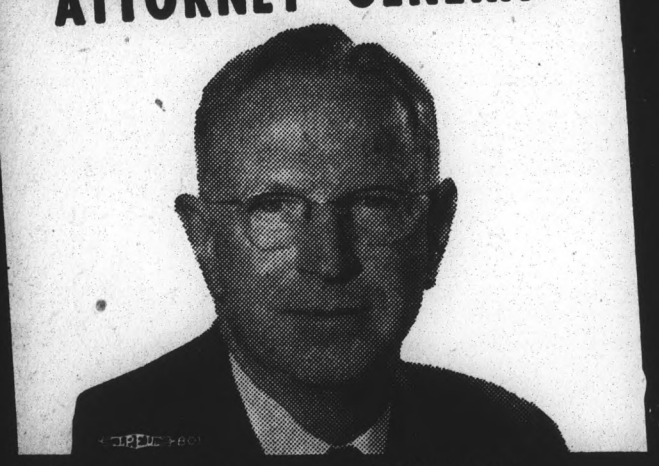
Joe M. Macedo of Tulare established a new all-time high Tulare county record for his grade Holstein herd over 50 cows. His herd average of 529.3 on 77 cows qualified him as the winner of the Arden Farms trophy for the highest grade herd.

Honor Roll certificates went to the following southern Tulare County dairymen: Mark L. and Bruce Borror, Sidney Longacre, Stanley R. Knight, Arden Farms, J. L. Rocha and Sons and H. B. DeMasters.

Speaker of the evening was Arthur Shultis, extension economist, University of California, whose subject was, "Take It Easy."

Mr. Shultis stated that the easy way is also the profitable way. Having more irrigated pasture for dairy herd reduces the work and also reduces feed costs and increases profit. Labor savings and more free time for better living were also indicated by bulk handling of milk and mixed feed, chopped and through the use of smaller milk parlors.

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EDITOR VISITS

A, L. Evans, of the Lindsay Gazette, oldest active newspaper publisher in the state, was a visitor in Porterville this week.

Prorate Meeting

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Official tree crop estimate for Central - Northern California Navels for the 1950-51 season is 9,250 cars, according to Stanley Trueblood, Porterville, manager of the Tulare County Fruit Exchange. Of this total, 9,000 cars will come from Central California; 250 cars from Northern California.

Average size for the current crop, projected to December 1, is estimated at 185 oranges to the box, compared to average size last year of 175. Last year's tree crop was 11,500 carloads.

4-H WEEK

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Springville; Roger Brown and Donna Holbrook, Vandalia.

County winners in a National Awards contest who will receive medals are: Dale Gill, meat animals and Gene Pixley, Springville, dairy; Virginia Andreas Richard Kramer, Earlimart, poultry; John Andreas and Kenneth Kramer, Earlimart, tractor maintenance; Thomas and James Bodley, Vandalia and Kenneth Kramer, garden; Frances Wilson, Burton and John Andreas, leadership.

John Andreas, field crops; Marilyn Wilson, Success; Nancy Scranton, Vandalia and Frances Wilson, dress revue; Marilyn Wilson, clothing; and Luellan Rountree, Vandalia, home improvement.

Program will also include installation of County Senior 4-H club officers by James Muller, Ducor, vice president of the county 4-H council. To be seated are: James Andreas, Earlimart, president; Arlin Morris, Ducor, vice president; Rowena Peterson, Kings River, secretary-treasurer and Bill Rambo, Earlimart, reporter.

James and Virginia Andreas will demonstrate, "Preparing Poultry For Freezing."

In Tulare county, 1,160 members of the 50 4-H clubs will observe national 4-H week, with the membership figure representing a 34 per cent increase over last year. Tulare county now has 287 4-H leaders, compared to 182 last year and 1951 club membership is being anticipated at 1,500 boys and girls.

ANOTHER BASEBALL

Mrs. Ross Welch of Porterville this week received another autographed baseball, this one from Joe Adcock of the Cincinnati Reds. bearing the names of the Reds. Mrs. Welch now has nine baseballs autographed by major league teams.

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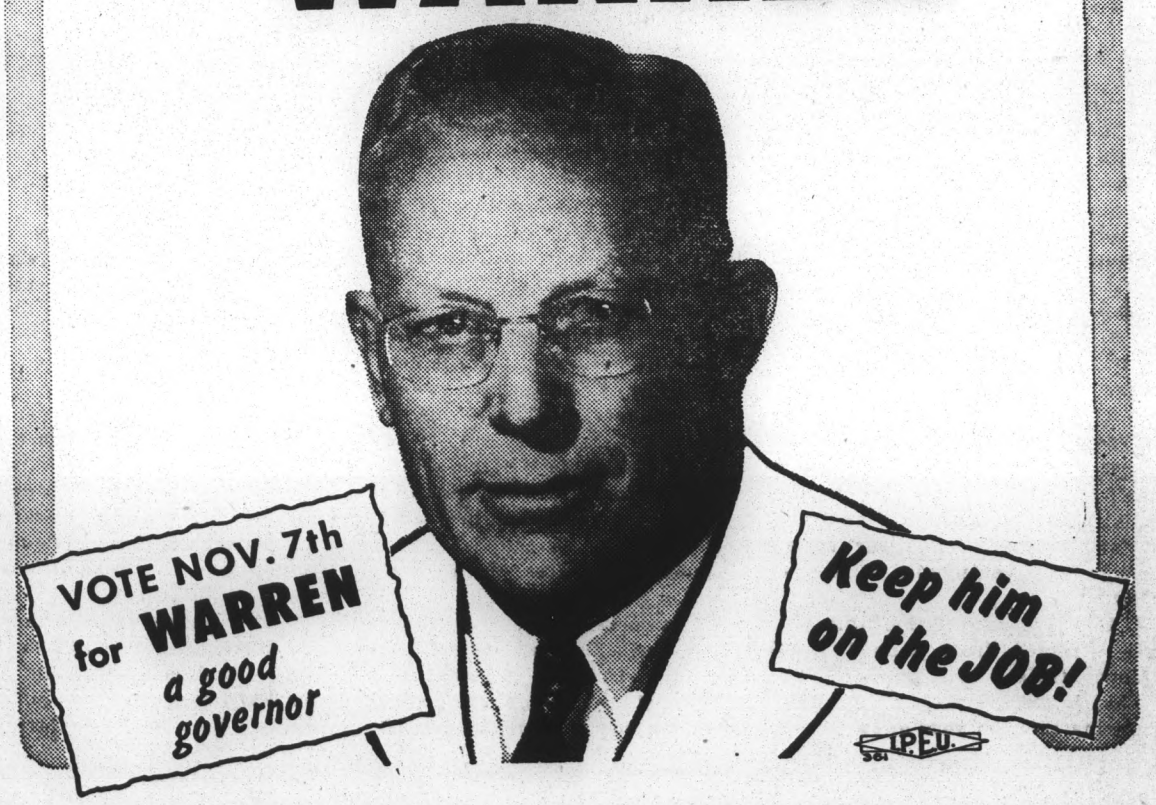
Mr. Stewart is a businessman and understands businessmen's problems. He was in the grain business here for many years; he has handled over a million dollars worth of grain. He also was Justice of the Peace in Southern California before coming to this county.

Let us give our support to a man who knows the law; who is capable and qualified to occupy this high office in an honorable way.

(Signed)

Messers and Mesdames H. W. Owen, William Lubking, Marian Hughes, Wilbur Dennis, Charles Burtner, Lloyd Zimmerman, Bud Zimmerman, Freeland Farnsworth, Carl Cheadle, John Guthrie, Nelson Smith, Francis Muller, J. E. Grigsby and Johnnie Moffett.

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QUEEN MARGARET AND HER ATTENDANTS WHO WILL REIGN OVER THE 1950 HOMECOMING











MARGARET HOLLOWAY, left, who will reign over the 1950 Veterans' Homecoming Celegration in Porterville, November 11. Attendants, from left to right, are: Shirley Johnson, Wanda Lewis, Janet Coleman and Margaret Prestage. The girls, all Porterville college students, will be guests at a number of organization meetings during the next week as part of the publicity program for the celebration.

New Tule River Bridge Will Open Another Porterville Through-Street

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—Pioneers will remember Porterville as pretty must a "one street town," in that for many years, Main street has been the only north-south route completely through the community.

A second major through-route will be opened next spring when the county of Tulare constructs a new bridge across the Tule river at the extension of Gravilla avenue at the approximate location of the old Plano bridge — a route that will be of increasing importance as developments continue at the State of California epileptic hospital east of Plano where some 2,500 patients may eventually be housed.

With the second Tule crossing opened, travel will also be benefitted from the area south of Porterville and from the East Porterville or Doyle Colony district.

A third crossing will also result when 65 highway is re-routed west of the city's business district, 1,350 feet west of Indiana, thus opening needed routes through the community.

The Tule river bridge program has been pushed by the Porterville chomber of commerce for several years and considerable recent assistance has been given by Supervisors Rodgers L. Moore and Jay G. Brown, also by Earl Ingrim, Tulare county planning engineer.

ELECTION

WOODVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—Residents of the Woodville Elementary school district will vote November 14 on the question of whether or not the district will withdraw from the Tulare Union High School district and join the Porterville Union High School and College district. For a number of years, Woodville students have been allowed to attend Porterville high through a mutual agreement between Porterville and Tulare school boards.

RABBIT DRIVE

PIXLEY, June 9, 1888 — On June 1st the largest rabbit drive ever held in this valley occurred at Pixley. About 5,000 of the pests were exterminated and many more would doubtless have met the same fate if proper precautions had been taken to keep the ranks closed on the wings.

LINN'S VALLEY, Oct. 23, 1891—Mrs. Carver sold her apple crop to John Danner for a cent a pound. Everyone thinks John has made a good speculation.

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Anselmo Milk Wins At Fair

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 14, 1950—Another of Porterville's businesses moved into the state limelight when announcement was made that homognized milk, entered by Ansel Darr of Porterville's Anselmo dairy, had received the Gold Medal award at the 1950 California State fair. The award is the highest given in the state and attests to the excellent quality of milk being marketed by Anselmo.

We'll see you at the Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, November 11.

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THE OLD DAYS

From miscellaneous files of pioneer Porterville newspapers, provided through the courtesy of Howard J. Frame, Porterville.

VISALIA DAILY TIMES
Tuesday, June 13, 1893

The outlaws, Sontag and Evans, are both in the Visalia jail and both are badly wounded. They met their Sampson's Flat at Stone Corral, Sunday evening and the rain of lead from the rifles of the posse of Marshal Gard put a quietus on their lawless career, which began by the robbery of the Southern Pacific train at Collis on the night of August 3, 1892.

Since the train robbery at Collis, the bandits have shown a willingness to assassinate officers when they could do so without danger to themselves. The wounding of Deputy Sheriff Witty on the afternoon of August 5 was uncalled for; on September 14, Andrew McGinnis and Victor C. Wilson were assassinated in cold blood by Evans and Sontag; the most cowardly crime was the attempted assassination of Deputy Marshal Black at Camp Badger on the evening of May 26.

The first time the bandits ever had to fight without the chances being in their favor was at Stone Corral. They started in to shoot at about the time the officers did, but the marshal and posse displayed the most coolness. Sontag was taken at Stone Corral June 12; Evans was taken near Stone Corral June 13.

At 8 o'clock last night, E. H. Perkins arrived in Visalia from his ranch 22 miles northeast of Visalia and gave the following account of the arrest af Evans:

"Yesterday morning, about daybreak, Evans arrived at my mother's place which is about three and one-half miles from Stone Corral. He went to the pump, got some water, washed himself a little and used a towel hanging near by. The pump handle and towel were bloody when seen by the folks when they got up.

"After getting the water, Evans walked in the house and went up stairs and went to bed. No one knew who it was but when breakfast was ready, a boy was sent up to tell whoever it was to come down and have something to eat.

"The boy came back and said it was Chris Evans and that he was badly wounded. Mother sent for me and I went up immediately. When I went in the room, I saw Evans lying in the bed and he was a horrible sight. Blood was all over him and the shot in the eye gave him a ghastly appearance. I remarked:

"Well, Chris, you are in a pretty bad fix, ain't you.' "

" 'Yes,' he responded 'and I want you to dress my wounds.' "

"I made a splint and put it on his arm, washed his eye and dressed his other wounds as best I could. I told him he was now too badly shot up to make any further resistance and that it would be impossible for him to get away; that he could not remain at our house for we could not afford to harbor him.

"He would not agree to it and said he would be all right in three weeks. I told him that I did not understand why he wanted to make any further resistance as he was shot to pieces; that if I was shot one time it would settle me.

"He answered that it was no use to borrow trouble, that he would soon be all right. I concluded then that the only thing for me to do was come to Visalia and notify the officers."

When Evans and Sontag were stopped last Sunday evening coming through the foothills, they were on their way to Visalia. Some think they had made up their minds to do something desperate.

When interviewed by reporters, Evans said, "We have been in Visalia frequently ever since the trouble began. Once we stayed 10 days. I had no fear in coming as there was no danger. We never had any thought of leaving the county but meant to convince the Southern Pacific outfit that we were in the right and make them quit hunting me. We have been in town but once since the serenade of May 8th by the sheriff's posse. We had no trouble in getting provisions, as we always got them in large quantities."

Sheriff Jay Scott of Fresno, yesterday served two grand jury warrants each on Evans and Sontag for train robbery and for the murder of Andrew McGinnis and Vic Wilson.

ST. JOHN

PORTERVILLE, Aug. 26, 1950—The Rev. J. A. "St. John" Milligan, will be honored tonight on his 90th birthday when friends gather for a reception in the Congregational church. St. John is one of Porterville's real pioneers, coming to the community in 1896 and, through the years, taking an active part in religious, business and general community affairs.

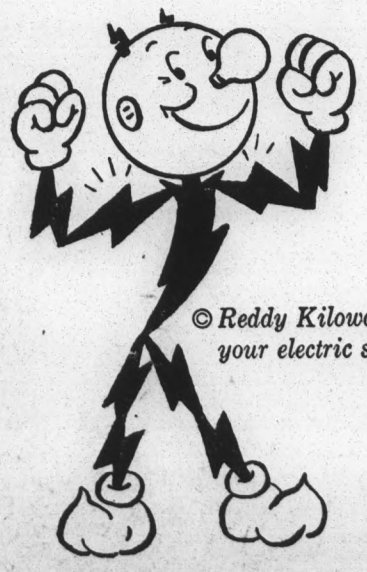
DANCE

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 30, 1891—Quite a little dance was given at T. A. Kelly's last Wednesday evening. Those present were: Mesdames Haycraft, Templeton, T. A. Kelly and Miss Stella Kelly. The boys were too numerous to mention.

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LEGAL NOTICES

SUMMONS
No. 40675

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, EDWIN F. PEUGH, PLAINTIFF, VS. ARLENE M. PEUGH, DEFENDANT.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO: ARLENE M. PEUGH, DEFENDANT.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO APPEAR and answer the Complaint in the action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of said County of Tulare, State of California, within ten days after the service on you of this Summons, if served within this County, or within thirty days, if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or Plaintiff will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior Court of the said County of Tulare, State of California, this 21st day of July, 1950.

(COURT SEAL)

GLADYS STEWART, Clerk
By:
TROY OWEN, Deputy
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 10975

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEONARD FLETCHER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Executor of the Estate of Leonard Fletcher, Deceased, to the creditors, of, and all persons having claims against said deceased to file them with the necessary vouchers within 6 months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to exhibit said claims with the necessary vouchers within 6 months to said Executor at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with the Estate of Leonard Fletcher, Deceased.

DATED: September 28th, 1950.
DICK FLETCHER
GUY KNUPP, JR.
Attorney for Executor
Date of First Publication: October 5, 1950. o5-12-19-26-n2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 11124

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EDWARD R. SAYLOR, ALSO KNOWN AS EDWARD RAY SAYLOR, ALSO KNOWN AS E. R. SAYLOR, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of EDWARD R. SAYLOR, also known as EDWARD RAY SAYLOR, also known as E. R. SAYLOR, Deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said deceased to file them with the necessary vouchers within 6 months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare, in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to exhibit said claims with the necessary vouchers within 6 months to said Administratrix at the office of Guy Knupp, Jr., located at 400 Second Street, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the Estate of Edward R. Saylor, also known as Edward Ray Saylor, also known as E. R. Saylor, Deceased.

DATED: September 28th, 1950.
JESSIE E. SAYLOR
GUY KNUPP, JR.
Attorney for Administratrix
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NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given, that Vincent McHenry, residing at 208 West Harrison Street, Porterville, California, intends to sell and transfer to A. G. Riley, residing at Route 4, Porterville, California, that certain business known as and called "Farmers' Exchange" at 116 North Main Street, Porterville, California, together with furniture, fixtures, equipment, goods, wares and merchandise, thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining; that said sale will be made on November 15, 1950 at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, at the office of Burford & Hubler, on the second floor of Bank of America Building, in the City of Porterville, Tulare County, California. Consideration or price will be paid at the time and place of transfer.

Dated: October 24, 1950.
VINCENT McHENRY
Intended Vendor

State of California
County of Tulare — ss:

On this 26th day of October, 1950 before me, Gaylord N. Hubler, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared VINCENT McHENRY, also known as V. C. McHenry, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and he acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

(SEAL)

GAYLORD N. HUBLER
Notary Public in and for said County and State
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 11194

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TULARE.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF A. FRINCHABOY, also known as Anselmo Frenchaboy, A. Frenchaboy and Anselmo Frenchaboy, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned executrix of the Last Will and Testament of said deceased, to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased or against his estate, to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice, in the office of the Clerk of the above entitled court, at her office at the Court House in the City of Visalia, County of Tulare, State of California, or to file such claims, together with the necessary vouchers, within six months after the first publication of this notice, with the said executrix at the office of Burford & Hubler, her attorneys, Bank of America building, in the City of Porterville, County of Tulare, State of California, which said last named office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said deceased.

ROSA SULLIVAN
Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of said Deceased.

Date of First Publication: November 2, 1950.

BURFORD & HUBLER
Attorneys for Executrix
n2-16-23-30

CERTIFICATE OF PARTNERSHIP FICTITIOUS NAME

State of California
County of Tulare — ss:

We, the undersigned, certify that we are partners conducting a business of exploration, drilling, production and sale of petroleum, gas, and other hydrocarbonous substances in the County of Tulare, State of California, under a designation not showing the names of the persons interested as partners in such business, to-wit:
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The names of the partners are: CHARLES H. OLSSON of Pixley, California; A. M. PARK of Strathmore, California; JOHN M. STARKS of Porterville, California; GEORGE H. HUDSON of Daley City, California.

Witness our hands this 25 day of September, 1950.

CHARLES H. OLSSON
A. M. PARK
JOHN M. STARKS
GEORGE H. HUDSON

State of California
County of Tulare — ss:

On this 25 day of September, 1950, before me, Burke E. Burford, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared CHARLES H. OLSSON, A. M. PARK, JOHN M. STARKS, and GEORGE H. HUDSON, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and seal.

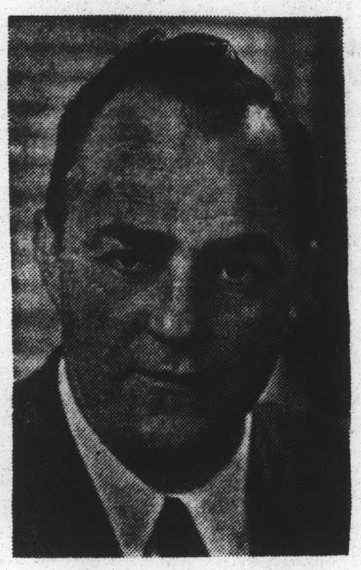
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20 ANDS INSTALL OFFICERS; MAP PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR AT RECENT PORTERVILLE MEETING

Sixty-five members of the 20 Ands attended the regular monthly meeting at the Tea Gardens to witness the candlelight installation of the new officers for the ensueing year. Past President Louise Barnard acted as installing officer and enstated Opal Achterberg, president; Ferne Bain, vice president; Helen Rucker, corresponding secretary; Wilma Thompson, recording secretary; Loretta Scranton, treasurer; and Helen Spuhler, historian.

Chairman for the evening, Lorraine Burtner, used the Halloween theme in artistic decorations for the tables. She was assisted by Mary White, Ruth Hughes and Verna Crabtree. Entertainment for the evening was Wanda Reese, Terra Bella, who sang two selections, accompanied at the piano by Anna Mary Winters. Door prize, a potted plant, was won by Arlo Ward. Fish bowl drawing was won by Ellen Jean Sheldon.

Retiring Welfare Chairman, Phyliss Lamb reported a need for pajamas for the children's ward at the Springville Hospital. Material has been purchased and members are asked to help in the making of the garments.

By-laws chairman presented three new by-law changes and all were accepted by the club. Plans are underway to enter a float in the annual Homecoming Parade on Armistice Day. Mae Keller, chairman and Wilma Thompson, co-chairman, announced the project will get underway Monday evening at the home of Ferne Bain.

All members are requested to participate in the float construction.

Complete reports were given by all outgoing officers of their year in office and the activities of the club. A gift of appreciation was presented to retiring President Verna Rames by Opal Achterberg in behalf of the club. Year books were presented to all members by vice president Ferne Bain.

President Achterberg announced her appointments for the following year. New board members are Betty Wise, Thelma Wood, Dee Dorsey, Molly Della, and Sarah Treager. Retaining board members are Phyllis Lamb and Virginia Morgan. Ways and means, Jane Thomas; parlimentarian, Verna Ramos; editor, Louise Barnard; welfare, Wally Wilson; adopted girl, Edna Hill; Springville Ward, Jerry Johnson; auditors, Wanda Slayton and Peggy Henderson; good cheer, Frances Jones.

Friday, Nov. 3, the bridge section will meet at the home of Verna Ramos at 8 o'clock. Sewing circle will be held at the home of Edna Hill. Eliza Burbank will be acting chairman for the next regular meeting of the club to be held November 16. New members will be initiated at this meeting.

"YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU" OPENS TOMORROW NIGHT FOR RUN THROUGH MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The delightful and delerious comedy, "You Can't Take It With You," opens tomorrow night, Friday, for a two-night run at Porterville's Barn theatre, with Brent Ensign, Exeter, as Grandpa Vanderhof; Ann B. Davis as his daffy granddaughter and Freeland Wilson as her husband.

Pat Cook from Visalia is their youngest and somewhat more controlled daughter, Frances Lindgren is Essie, their oldest and ballot-mad daughter. Glenn Edwards with his xylophone plays Ed Carmichael, Essie's husband. Doc Babcock comes from Terra Bella to play Mr. DePinna, the iceman who came to dinner and stayed eight years, and a number of other local luminaries.

To describe the loony larks which take place in this whacky comedy would be next to impossible. Fireworks are manufactured in the cellar, plays are written, snakes collected, ballet steps rehearsed, dinner parties had, xylophone played, and printing press operated in the living room, candy is made by the ton in the kitchen and on and on ad infinitum.

The show will play each weekend through the month of November; curtain time is 8 p.m.

WATER SHORTAGE

In a series of loge-term experiments, using many paired plots and types of vegetation, it has been found that in no case was the capacity of the soil to absorb water changed adversly by brush burning, according to Prof. F. J. Veihmeyer, University of California, college of agriculture.

We'll see you at the Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, November 11.

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There are few fruits which are as versatile as apples. Varieties of apples marketed in November are included in the following table which indicates the uses for which each variety is best suited:

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McIntosh	Jonathan
Jonathan	York Imperial
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Grimes Golden	Wealthy
Northern Spy	R. I. Greening
	Northern Spy
Baking	**Cooking**
Rome Beauty	Rome Beauty
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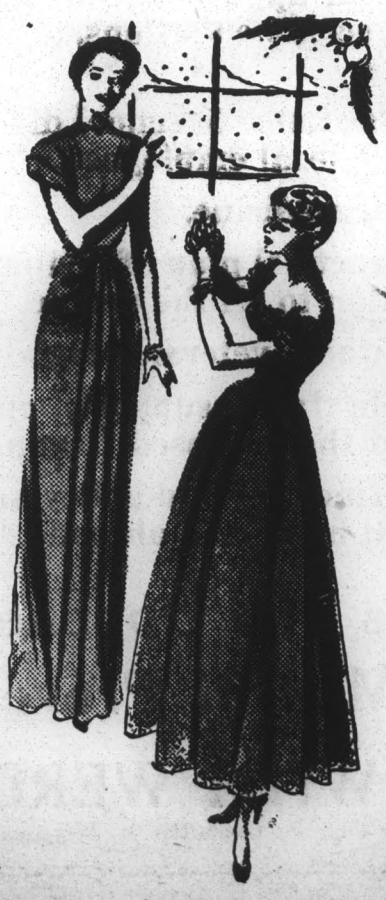
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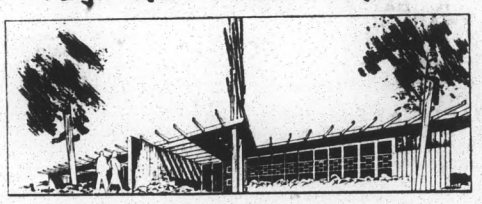
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Schools, Hospitals Get Bond Money; Sewage Plant Plan Is Voted Down

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950 —Residents of this community were liberal in their financial support of schools and a proposed Sierra View District hospital, however, turned thumbs down on a new new city sewage disposal plant in bond elections during the past year.

Porterville elementary schools received a favorable vote on a $259,000 bond issue to provide buildings for the rapidly expanding school system, with new classroom buildings now under construction or planned at Belleview, where the old granite high school was torn down; at Roche avenue, at Bartlett and at Vandalia.

Voters in the high school district passed a $1,420,000 bond issue to finance an extensive program of improvement that includes a separate college and school farm setup; a home economics building, an agricultural shop, a gymnasium, class rooms, bus shed, a stadium and remodeling of existing buildings.

In the Sierra View Hospital district, that includes the area of the Porterville Union High School district and part of the Strathmore district, voters approved a $350,000 bond issue to cover an estimated one-third of the cost of a proposed district hospital that will probably be located in Porterville. As yet, however, balance of funds, sought from state and federal sources, has not been appropriated.

Porterville city voters turned down a $500,000 bond issue to finance construction of a new sewage disposal plant and to improve sewage lines. At present, city officials are working on a revised plan to relieve the overload on existing sewage disposal facilities.

Marketing Costs Run Higher Than Return To Farmer

The civilian consumers' bill for marketing farm foods last year was higher than the farm value of these products, according to the Department of Agriculture. Marketing charges of 18.2 billion dollars covered costs of local assembly, transportation, storage, processing, wholesaling, and retailing. The farm value of the foods totaled 18 billion dollars.

Between 1913 and 1942, the marketing bill was larger than the farm value in all years except 1918 and 1919. During the war and postwar years, 1943-48, the farm value was larger than the marketing bill, but in 1949 the farm value declined, while the marketing bill advanced. Over the years, the marketing bill has not fluctuated nearly so much from year to year as have the retail cost and the farm value.

New Mechanical Developments For Cotton

Newest development in cotton mechanization will be shown at the Shafter Cotton experiment station November 9 at 10 A.M., with demonstration of new cotton pickers on the program and with new cultural practices to improve efficiency of mechanical cotton pickers to be explained.

Equipment for late cultivation and for weed control by flame burning will also be shown.

Celebrate November 11, In Porterville With The Oldtimers

FARM BUREAU LIVESTOCK MARKET

VISALIA, Oct. 25 — CATTLE: Few sales average to high Medium slaughter steers $27.40 to $29.75, Common to low Medium $24.90 to $26.75. Few sales average to high Medium slaughter heifers $26.00 to $27.80, odd. Good light yearling to $29.90, fed Common to low Medium $23.00 to $25.60. Cows largely of Cutter and Common dairy type, bulk Cutters $19.00 to $20.00, few low Cutters down to $17.80, Canners scarce, bulk Common beef cows including dairy types $20.00 to $22.00, few Common to Medium including Holsteins up to $22.50 to $22.75, Medium and Good grass cows scarce, odd "heifery" cows to $24.80. Fed Medium stocker and feeder steers $25.00 to $27.70, odd Good yearlings to $29.40. Common grades $22.50 to $25.00, few Inferior down to $18.00. Medium stocker and feeder heifers $24.50 to $26.50, Good absent, several Common $20.50 to $23.75, Inferior down to $18.00. Few Common to Medium feeding cows $19.00 to $21.50.

CALVES: Medium and Good vealers $29.00 to $33.50, odd Choice to $34.75, Common $25.00 to $28.00, Culls down to $21.00. Medium and Good slaughter calves $27.50 to $32.00, few high Good to Choice $32.50 to $33.50, Common $22.00 to $25.50, odd Culls down to $17.50. Bulk Good stock steer and heifer calves $29.00 to $31.50, Medium $26.00 to $28.50, few Inferior and Common $15.00 to $23.50.

At the VISALIA Farm Bureau Auction Tuesday, Oct. 24, a total of 454 hogs were sold. Demand was exceptionally good. Bulk Good 185 to 220 lb. butchers $21.50 to $22.75, and 67 head 219 lb. averages topped at $23.35. One lot Good 165 lb. lights $21.60, and lot 262 lb. strong-weights $20.00. Good 340 to 490 lb. sows $18.35 to $18.75, few 560 to 670 lb. weights $17.60 to $17.85. Odd head 625 to 740 lb. stags $13.60 to $14.10. Good 56 to 90 lb. feeder pigs $27.50 to $29.40, and few lots thin sows $17.10 to $17.20.

BACK FROM SCHOOL

Wesley Evans returned last Thursday from a school of instruction in Los Angeles concerning the revised social security act.

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(Signed)

Messers and Mesdames Ralph Wardlaw, Porterville; Dick Berry, Orosi; F. R. Farnsworth, Porterville; Ralph Wileman, Cutler; Henry P. Bowen, Porterville; Jack Chrisman, Visalia; Ralph Mehrten, Exeter; Ralph Jones, Porterville; Clyde Carlisle, Porterville; John Guthrie, Porterville; Wilbur Dennis, Ducor; George Hinkel, Orosi; F. B. Evans, Tipton; Claude Paregien, Visalia; Bill Rodgers, Porterville; H. C. Jackson, Visalia; Laurence Anderson, Porterville; "Babe" Hodgson, Porterville; Joe Menne, Ducor.



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Beat four eggs with 2½ cups of milk, salt, and pepper and let the custard mix soak into the sandwiches for 45 minutes. Lift or turn them, if necessary to be sure they are evenly soaked.

Bake in a 325 oven for 40 minutes . . . until the dish-full is puffy and brown. You may have to speed the oven up the last few minutes. There is nothing to prevent you from adding other flavors, such as: mustard, onion, paprika or herbs.

This makes a fine meat substitute and has plenty of rib-stick-to-ness.

Eggplant And Deep-Frying Hints

Eggplant is plentiful, inexpensive and filling. Serve it many ways. If you usually fry it in batter . . . try this for a change.

Mix Sunbeam Bread crumbs with a little flour, salt, pepper, and paprika. Dip the eggplant into egg beaten with a little milk, then into the crumbs and fry.

Adding a little flour to the bread crumbs always makes them stick better. That's a trick I learned from a chef. You can build up a thick layer of crust on things for deep fat frying by using that mix and letting the first egg and crumb dippings dry . . . then repeating the process.

For deep fat frying of onion rings and such on which you want a thick coat, follow that plan and be sure to let the second layer dry too.

To get back to eggplant . . . when you stuff it or make a casserole of it . . . mix in bread crumbs. The two flavors go together well. The bread cuts the sharpness of the eggplant a little and makes the dish fluffier too.

The bread is better dried; but for eggplant casserole, it doesn't need to be finely crumbed. It it's good and dry, pieces the size of the end of your finger won't hurt.

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Local Executive Honored By Los Angeles Chamber Of Commerce

Following are partial quotations from the letter being received by many valley leaders. Omissions pertained to reservations, etc.

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
October 26, 1950

Mr. A. R. Brey
P. O. Box 190
Porterville, Calif.
Dear Mr. Brey:

You are invited to be our guest for a two-day tour and party in Los Angeles November 17 and 18. This will be similar to the SAN JOAQUIN COMES TO LOS ANGELES affair held last year, except that we shall have 250 San Joaquin Valley leaders, instead of 200.

A Southern Pacific special train will stop at several valley points November 16, to pick up you and the other guests. It will bring you into L. A. about 9 A. M. Friday. We shall take you on a chartered bus tour of L. A. Friday evening an informal party . . . cocktails, dinner, entertainment, fun . . . no speeches.

Saturday is all for fun In the morning you may sleep, but at 11:30 A. M. chartered busses will take you and your hosts to the U.S.C. Campus. There will be a big informal luncheon. From there we will stroll over to our solid block of midfield seats at the football game. This time U.S.C. vs. Washington.

After the game we'll all adjourn to Olvera Street for a party with Mexican Flavor, before you board your train for home.

The cost to you will be your rail fare and hotel room. For everything else you are our guest.

We do hope you can come.

Sincerely yours,
A. J. Gock, President

Sex Of One — Half Dozen Of The Other

So Alberta wrote a polite letter to the L. A. Chamber of Commerce . . . regretting that she was unable to attend the bust for the valley boys. She put it nicely and explained . . . AMONG OTHER THINGS, it'd be along toward orange picking time . . . and she'd be very busy.

I tried to tell her that she should go . . . probably be a lotta fun. But she figured that was just a few too many men . . . all making speeches and being big-shots. Get awful tiresome and boring. And one, lone woman.

Still seems a pity . . . I'd love to see their faces if "Mr. A. R. Brey" did show up! Now I'll be sorry if they don't want to see her lumber orchard that grows oranges. If I were Herb Caen of San Francisco I'd point out how far L. A. is awry. But it was a nice idea and ment as an honor and Alberta does appreciate the thought. Whatta thought!

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HISTORICAL NOTE

The surveyor who was hired to plot the R. R.'s course through the San Joaquin Valley was such a stubborn old fool that, though he was fired regularly about every week, he refused to follow orders. He insisted upon surveying it where he thought it ought to go . . . down the east rather than the west side of the valley!

He wouldn't fire, neither would he follow orders. Just a stupid, bull-headed old goof! That's why we're all here with the rail-roads annoying us to this day. His decendants are just as squirrely and tenacious . . . that's why no matter how big, impressive and fine Bill makes this paper . . . it's always messed up with these pages and inane stories!

Whether or not people use rice appears to have little connection with age, education level, or size of community. However, frequent users generally had larger families with lower incomes than less frequent users.

Marie Brey Wins Two-State Vote

Marie Brey has been elected Lt. Governor of the California and Arizona clubs of Zonta, International, an organization of business women who hold executive positions.

At the convention, held at Arrowhead Hotel, last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday all the clubs of the two states were represented. Marie, who addressed the convention on the subject of Social Security, made the trip with Ruth Fink, president of the Porterville Club.

Other Californians who received offices were, Rosamond Harries of San Bernardino, Governor; Amy Krueckel of Berkeley (retiring governor) Member of the International Nominating Committee; and Estelle LeBaker of Hollywood, International Hostess.

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Cheddar cheese lends itself to an infinite variety of preparations, and with the present plentiful supply it is a thrifty buy for the budget-concious homemaker.

Cheese has been called milk in concentrated form, and it is estimated that five ounces of American Cheddar cheese are about equal to a quart of milk in food value. Cheese is one of the most popular alternates for meat.

Half-pound of Cheddar cheese will give about as much protein as a pound of meat with a moderate amount of bone and fat. However, cheese is low in iron and green vegetables should be included with a cheese dish to make up for this lack.

When cooking with cheese always use low temperatures. Actually cheese should never be "cooked." Use just enough heat to melt it, other-wish it's almost certain to become tough and stringy.

Waste no cheese. Cut off only as much as you need each time, then store the rest tightly wrapped in paper or clean cloth. Keeping cheese cold retards the growth of mold. If cheese does mold, scrape off the mold and use the rest. Mold on the surface does not mean that the whole cheese is spoiled.

Use every little bit of cheese. Dry pieces may be grated and added to salads, salad dressings, or sprinkled over fruits such as pear halves or pineapple slices.

However, remember that cheese is far more than just a tidbit to top off an already complete meal. Cheese is something to build around and belongs in the main-dish class. Like meat, eggs, fish —cheese has satisfying flavor and staying power.

Celebrate November 11, In Porterville With The Oldtimers



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Women's Club Nov. Luncheon Meeting

Kent Roberts, commentator and foreign correspondent, will be the featured speaker following the November 6th Luncheon of the Porterville Women's Club.

Mr. Roberts' timely topic is, "The World Is Watching Us," and includes the latest national and international developments up to the moment he speaks. He has the reputation of being a brilliant speaker with the ability to give a clear and understanding picture of the most complex issues.

This program is of such general interest that the husbands of the members are invited to both the luncheon and the lecture.

Miss Josephine White, art chairman, has planned an exhibit of oil paintings by the talented Mrs. Myrtle Sue Redford of Exeter. Miss Redford is a valley painter of considerable note who has had several private exhibitions of her work.

The November Committee is working under the direction of Mrs. Lee Gill and Mrs. Mark Borror.

Pet And Hobby Hints

FROM WITT'S

The stardard foor for parrots is sunflower seeds. However, great care should be taken to feed full, ripe, plump seeds which are absolutely free from dust, chaff and other injurious foreign mater.

Sunflower seeds vary greatly in quality. Fed a mix of choice sunflower seeds, nuts, and other nutritious seeds to supply a balanced diet. These mixes can be bought in bulk at a saving.

Give the parrot a sweet apple, ripe berries in season, a bit of banana and green food about twice a week.

It's time now to be getting in your orders for pets for Christmas presents. Many kinds of birds, fish, and small mammals make interesting pets.

Stop by Witt's Pet and Hobby Shop at 508 South Main Street in Porterville; they have a complete line of pet supplies and craft tools and materials. You can have them order any pet you want. They give lessons in all the crafts and will sell you all the tools and materials you'll need.

Scott's Shopping Service Saves

Good Buys For November

The foods listed below are expected to be in pletiful supply throughout the greater part of the Western Area during November 1950.

PROTEIN FOODS: Turkeys, hens, broilers & fryers, eggs, pork, cheese, and cottage cheese.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES: Apples, cranberries, onions, cabbage, carrots, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, and celery.

OTHER FOODS: Honey, butter.

Volume of fall asparagus from Imperial valley is extremely light this year.



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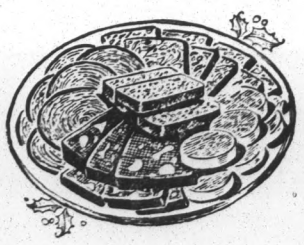
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Shopping . . . with Betty

By Betty Scott



Johnnie Delaney told me the other day that it's a poor Armistice Day when he doesn't serve thirty-three dozen hamburgres in the two hours immediately following the parade. Yep, you saw right . . . 33 dozen in two hours! Think of all the spotted ties, bibs and tuckers, and dripped upon vests and blouses that means for PROCTOR'S CLEANERS! Whew! Newell's missing a bet if he doesn't have an ad served with everyone of those hamburgers! And the drippers are smart if they take all the spots to Proctors for removal . . . you get "Retexing" free there.

Before we get off the subject of the parade, regardless of how fancy you dress . . . or how casually . . . f'reavens sakes wear comfortable shoes! No parade is prettier than your feet feel! Trot your most comfortable shoes into CARROLL'S SHOE SHOP at Division and Putnam now. Have the heels squared up, the seams re-stitched, the various arch supports and pads renewed. Nobody ever had fun while his feet hurt!

This is the "Progress Edition" of this paper, depicting how Porterville has progressed . . . you've probably noticed . . . if you're still reading this far! Bill suggested and I had in mind to try my hand at some historical recallings on these pages. So what? The news of the week so livened up, the up-to-the-minute doin's of people got so exciting . . . no reminiscences! I'm sure the early history of the Breys is fine; but I'm taken with the present doin's. When Marie went to the convention down south last week she snuk in some shopping too, for BREY'S BOOK SHELF. Christmas things. Hurry, the best will go. Pottery, figurines, fancy paper napkins, aprons. From costly gifts to inexpensive . . . shop at Marie's order personalized Christmas cards or select from her supplies on display. They're beauties!



The sign on the side of the Barn Theater says, "You Can't Take It With You Friday and Saturday." For that matter, who'd want to on the other days of the week? Your family probably won't make as interesting a group portrait as that family in the play . . . Thank Heaven! . . . but EDWARDS PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO can make you into an alive looking picture. Remember, from Nov. 1 to Nov. 10, Edwards will be busy until 4:00 P.M. with school pictures. During that time they suggest that you come in for family pictures in the evenings. Call 1385-J. Christmas rush is rushing faster!

Just remembered . . . I know a new that is a "usta" and a now! The "usta" part isn't very historical, but the new is that Pat Gage is working again. She retired for a while, you know, now she's ready to curl your hair again! My! That sounds a little different than I intended . . . but true. Pat has started to work at FLORENCE PEAK'S BEAUTY SALON, 2nd and Harrison! All hands are buzzin' at Florence's and there's no excuse for anyone not looking fixed up for the big time next week. You can always get an appointment there . . . call 107-W.

Didja ever wonder why most "gossip columnists" are men-Woman drew to my attention again the other day that men are much worse gossips than women. That's fine, I don't begrudge the boys their fun . . . I just marvel . . . they're such fools. They stand up to do it! As I pointed out before, women at least have sense enough to sit down! See what I mean? Seldom even see a picture of men setting down to talk! These, however, aren't gossiping. That's a picture of one man telling another how to be smart and increase the value of his home with a new roof. Go to the BREY-WRIGHT LUMBER CO. for cedar shingles, Johns-Manville roll roofing, or asbestos shingles. Quality counts in roofing.



I'll make a stab at old-timesing. Here are our grandmother's recipes for: Preventing Lamp-wicks from smoking . . . 'Soak them in vinegar and then dry them thoroughly." to Toughen Lamp Chimneys . . . "Immerse the chimney in a pot filled with cold water, add some common salt. Boil well, then cool slowly. Chimneys treated in this way will resist sudden change in temperature." To the day I die, I'll never forget my daily job of cleaning the lamp chimneys, with paper. Remember? Hard to believe, now . . . we're so used to flicking switches! Even they are going out of style. Drop by and talk to Bob Mishler about modern switches and wiring. All new wiring jobs today are safer and easier to use. Consult him about electric ceiling heating . . . better and cheaper to use for insulated homes. PORTERVILLE ELECTRIC is on Hockett across from the P. O. now.

Good! There's a little space left over! It's fruit cake makin' time again, and I'm just old-timer or un-progressive enuf or something to make my own. I do use a modern, easy recipe that is more like a spice cake with a little fruit in it. People eat is like crazy and every year I have dozens of requests for the recipe. It's good anytime from now on 'til spring, so here 'tis.

Simmer 20 minutes:	3 c flour
1½ c raisins	1 tsp. soda
1½ c dates	2 tsp. cinnamon
2 c sugar	1 tsp. cloves
2 c boiling water	1 tsp. salt
5 Tbs. shortening	1 c chopped nuts
Cool and add:	1 c candied fruit

Cook in loaf pans lined with greased paper in a 325 degree oven. A pan of water in the oven makes all fruit cakes more moist. The size of the pans will determine the cooking time. Test it with a straw. This'll make two big loaves. Since this isn't "real" fruit cake, I never try to keep it more than three of four weeks . . . as though my family ever let it last that long! Hah, how I dream!

LOOKING NORTH AT "BLACK'S ALLEY"



WILCO MENTZ, Porterville's first mayor, bought out Gilliam and Gilmer to establish himself in business on Porterville's Main street in the middle 80s. The above picture, taken probably about 1890, shows the Mentz store, now the location of Jones Hardware company. The bakery and restuarant, next to the Mentz store, was owned and operated by Fred Ackerman, also a member of Porterville's first city council. The above picture was taken from Black's Alley, now known as Oak street.

3,000-Acre Lake Planned In Frazier Valley

PORTERVILLE, June 29, 1894 R. Linder, of Tulare has commenced operations in Frazier valley to carry out a scheme, which if perfected, will be of great benefit to this part of the county.

Contracts with W. Gill, W. P. Putnam, J. A. Kincaid and M. M. Lynch, who own the land where it is the intention of the promoters to construct a reservoir, have been entered into, and 3,000 acres will be covered by a lake second to none in the state.

Work will be commenced next month on a ditch, which will be started from Dillon's Mill on North Tule and run through Lewis Creek to Frazier valley. The engineer and surveyor, Emmett Barber, is on the ground and making necessary surveys.

HONOR ROLL

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 23, 1891—Roll of honor for the third room, fifth year for the first month ending October 9 in the Porterville school includes: Lizzie Montgomery, Bridget Griffin, Frankie Adler, Pearl MacDougal, Lou E. Schultz, Millie Burns, Walt Whitlock, Ellen E. Adams, Esther Johnson, Blanche Redd, Iris Newman, Chettie McFarland, William Frame, Della Wallace, Alice Wilcox, Job A. Tyler, Janey Whitt, Hattie Owen, Frank Rounsaville, Lelia Maddux, Tommy Wallace, Johnnie Gardner, Exer Whitlock, Rosa Hall, Lelia Bacon, Bert McGrath, Joseph Carter and Johnnie Carter.

WHITE RIVER, Aug. 28, 1891—P. A. Thomas, the English capitalist who recently purchased the mines, left here for Denver, Colorado, yesterday.

MASONIC TEMPLE

PORTERVILLE, June 18, 1908 Trustees of the Masonic Temple association will meet tonight for the purpose of making some decision relative to the new Masonic Temple to be erected in this city in the near future.

We'll see you at the Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, November 11.

LITTLE HORSES





UNUSUAL BUSINESS in the Porterville community is the breeding of Shetland ponies by K. T. Bebb at the Bebb ranch northwest of Porterville. Shown above is a little girl and a little horse—Susan Proser, two-year-old granddaughter of Mr. Bebb, with a shetland colt that weighed only 25 pounds at birth. Center, Mr. Bebb with "Nifty" and her colt; lower, Mr. Bebb with "Buster", his Shetland stud.

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Front row, left to right: George W. Culbertson, B. H. Grisemer, Miss Ina H. Stiner, Miss Laura E. Keller, Miss Gertrude M. DeForest, Mrs. Marie (Reese) Hill, Mrs. W. A. (Emma) Ferguson, A. S. Hamlin, and D. Roy Lightner, all high teachers of the class; second row: Howard J. Frame, Mrs. William Kinder (Marian Haskell), Mrs. V. G. Ekman (Babette Burrows), Mrs. H. S. Culver (Muriel Mead), Mrs. Edward Homer (Esther Prestage), Mrs. Howard McCalister (Rose Gray), Mrs. Roland Conklin (Helen Wells), Mrs. Clayton Hickle (Adelaide Wilson), Mrs. Hubert Shepard (Donna Mae Burgess), Miss Nora Singleton, Mrs. Burt Anderson (Aleene Mau) in front of Miss Singleton, Mrs. Rupert J. Wittrock (Aimee Nordenshuld), Mrs. Roland Duncan (Mae Futrell), Mrs. Paul Lewis (Gladys Hunter), Mrs. N. A. McCosh (Marietta Curd), Mark Hoover; third row: Elrino E. Neher, Orin McCabe, H. Taylor Perry, Ralph Howard, Mrs. Ida Hunt (Ida Lockey), Mrs. L. R. Stevenson (Helen Sprague), Mrs. D. S. Troth, Jr. (Margaret Tharp), Mrs. David Rambo (Erma Wann), Mrs. Fred S. Cooper (Helen Hamilton), Mrs. Walter Misenhimer (Dorothy Pratt), Mrs. Dale Duff (Viola Adams), Mrs. Walter Peterson (Pearl Snider), Mrs. Royal Haulman (Pearl McCain), Mrs. Ralph Herr (Stella Davidson), Mrs. Clarence Fleharty, Jr. (Charlotte Underhill), John B. Wallis; fourth row: Guy Ganes, Oliver Peak, Sherrill Halbert, Jack Newbury, Freeland Farnsworth, Ross Guinn, Virgil R. Hodgson, Jim Gilligan, Leonard M. Henry, Bob Kennan, Mrs. Leonard E. Honn (Mae Tharp), Mrs. Ward Williams (Donna Wood), Mrs. Paul Morris (Eva Carlson), Mrs. Ernest J. Kump, Sr. (Edra Olivia Curd), Mrs. Carl Price (Alice Cattaneo), Clyde E. Hubbs.

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McComber-Bred Quarter Horse Mare Is Winner

Mr. and Mrs. Dean McComber, of Springville, returned from last week's Pacific Coast Quarter Horse show in Fresno to report that a mare, bred by the McCombers, placed first over a good field of mare foals of 1946. Ralph Tyrrell, Terra Bella, also was a ribbon winner with his stallion, Hitop in the foals of 1947.

The McCombers state that a highlight of the show was performance of cutting horses shown by Californians. Entries came from throughout the western states, with approximately 450 head in the show.

Dr. Darrell Sprott, of Killen, Texas, judged the breeding classes and stated that the mare classes were consistently the best he has seen.

Dairying Tops Agricultural Industries

Based on wholesale figures; gross revenue from the dairy industry in California last year makes it the leading agricultural industry in the state.

Market milk and cream totaled 257 million dollars; milk products ran 112 million dollars. The dairy industry also furnished 60 million dollars worth of beef

Pixley, Dec. 8, 1949—Plans have been completed for start of work on a $29,000 improvement project at the Pixley airport.

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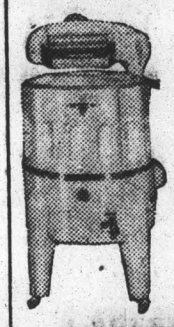
Gilfillan Mourned

The recent death of W. F. Gilfillan, for many years the head of the Tulare County Farm Advisor's office, was a shock to the many friends among the ranchers he had made over the years. Gilfillan was a pioneer in many of the recent scientific advances of agriculture and was known as a genuine friend of the man who plows the field and raises our food.

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TO MEETING

F. R. Farnsworth, White River cattleman; Marion Hughes, Dunor rancher and Harold Rainwater, manager of the Tulare county chamber of commerce, this week attended a meeting of meteorologists in southern California to hear a discussion of artificial rainmaking.

WERDEL SPEAKS

Congressman Tom Werdel will speak at a potluck dinner meeting of the Springville Center of the Tulare County Farm Bureau in the Springville Community hall tonight. R. R. Killian, Springville Center chairman, will preside at the meeting.

GRAIN SUPPORT

Through August, farmers had put more than 70 million bushels of 1950 crop grains under government price supports, according to the department of agriculture. This does not include corn and compares with a total of 188 million bushels during the same period last year.

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LOOK AT YOURSELF, PORTERVILLE ON YOUR GREAT DAY OF CELEBRATION

If someone told you of a wonderful land, where the soil is fertile, where the climate is mild, where the mountains and the sea are in short driving range, where business is expanding, where the community is growing, where men and women are prosperous, you'd probably say, "That's for me."

Well, look out your window. Look at those great mountains, calm, impressive, beautiful, still harboring within themselves great experiences of hunting, fishing and vacationing, if you choose to go after those experiences.

And look toward the west. Look at the fertile plains that are being developed and that will be developed. Look at the great diversity of agriculture; look at the excellent livestock, the new pastures, the flourishing crops.

Look about you in all directions—new business, industry based on agricultural needs, with more industry to surely come as the great migration to the west coast continues; civic organizations, fraternal groups, service clubs, organizations for youngsters, more entertainment than a single individual can possibly enjoy.

Then look toward the future, look back at the past; you see only a picture of progress, of development, of continued growth and expansion of this community.

Problems? Of course, but no problem that men and women of ability, of vision, of action cannot solve and turn to their own advantage. No problem that is big enough to halt progress in the community of Porterville if the men and women of the community want a solution.

On our day of annual celebration it is fitting that we count our blessings, look around us, slow down a little and give a thought to ourselves and our community. And in so doing we must recognize that the wonderful land of promise lies outside our own window.

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NEARLY 100 Porterville Rotarians and guests heard George Wilson, left, regional director and board member of the American Farm Bureau Feredation tell of world conditions at a Farm night meeting last Friday at the Porterville Women's club, and heard Douglas Beattie, right, formed opera star and Porterville citrus grower and shipper, present his fine rendition of "Ballad For Americans."

Weed control will be the principal subject discussed at the 1950 Cotton Merchanization Field day, set for November 9, 10 a.m., at the United States Experiment farm, Shafter.

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FRANCES WILSON GETS HIGH 4-H STATE HONOR

Showing outstanding leadership in her 4-H club work, Frances Adele Wilson of Porterville, has been named to receive the statewide 4-H girls' leadership award for 1950. This information came this week to Farm Advisor John A. Emo of the University of California Agricultural Extension service.

Her record now goes to Chicago for consideration and she may win one of the eight sectional educational trips to the 29th National 4-H Club Congress to be held in Chicago, November 26-30. In any event, she will receive a gold wrist watch.

In her 11 years of 4-H club work she completed 16 projects. She held every office in her club and several in the county senior club. She has served as assistant leader two years, and also as junior leader in the Burton 4-H Club.

Help For Farmers

With California agriculture again facing the challenge of federal request for maximum production in the face of prospective labor shortage and curtailment in needed supplies, the California state chamber of commerce this week announced it will sponsor emergenry farm legislation at the 1951 legislature as a defense measure. Specifically the state chamber will seek to have the state board of agriculture designated to render farmers the all-out assistance and cooperation given during World War II by the war-born California Farm Production council.

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Chamber Of Commerce Manager Tells Of Outlook For Continued Development In Porterville Area

By Andy Morrison
Manager Porterville Chamber of Commerce

Despite the "emergencies" and "world crisis" which have existed during the past year, the economic position of Porterville remains sound. As we go into the second year of what bids fair to be termed the Feverish Fifties, there is every reason for optimism.

Basically our economy continues to center around an ever expanding and diversifying agriculture. Last year we produced over $63,000,000 worth of agricultural and livestock products. The main crops included cotton, grain, alfalfa, oranges, grapefruit, lemons, grapes, peaches, prunes, asparagus, spinach, tomatoes, celery, potatoes, peas, melons, berries, beans, lettuce, and general row crops of all kinds. Beef, poultry, and hogs continue to make up the bulk of livestock production.

Continued agricultural development is assured by the construction of the Friant-Kern Canal which will bring added water into what is already the richest and most diversified agricultural area in the entire United States.

As the year 1950 rapidly comes to a close, the best thing about Porterville is its great potential development for the future. For example, our capacity to provide for an ever increasing tourist trade and as a winter recreational area is just being realized.

In the beginning, we must realize that the tourist and winter sports business is a large industry in itself. It brings money into the area, and takes little money out. In order to get to the mountain areas, tourists must be made to see that Porterville is practically the gateway to those areas.

There are certain elements in our favor. First, the improvements, both actual and potential, on Highway 65 will bring more people into this area. Second, the construction of a directional sign at the junction of Highways 65 and 99 will make them more cognizant of the Ducor Cut-off as a route of travel. Third, national publicity designed to acquaint the general public with our facilities — which was started last season by the Porterville Chamber of Commerce — will create a desire on its part to visit our section of California.

As the demand for additional facilities increases, we can exect to see better and more accessible resort areas developed by private capital. Great strides have already been made in that direction, and it is only logical to expect that even greater ones will be made in the immediate future.

In these days of trade area against trade area competition it is gratifying to note that our position remains strong. Our trade area is extensive for a community the size of Porterville, making it possible for local merchants to stock a wide variety of merchandise, and to make added services available to the public.

As time goes on, we may expect to see our local stores pay more and more attention to better merchandising practices including physical modernization of existing store units in order to be in a more favorable competitive position with sourrounding towns. It is to be expected, also, that we will see an ever increasing tendency to decentralize the business districts especially along Olive Street — a healthy thing designed to improve business locally on the basis of over-all development.

All is not gold that glitters. We are still confronted with a serious problem — the stabilization of business on a year around basis in order to eliminate seasonal variations resulting from agricultural conditions. Some choose to call this a problem of securing a "balanced economy" which is to say they want to see industry, agriculture, business, and the professions working in harmony so that one phase of the economic structure will balance off the natural slack created by the others.

CHAMBER HEAD



ANDY MORRISON, manager of the Porterville chamber of commerce.

That necessarily means that we must continue our efforts to secure industry for the community. Again the future looks bright. Industry, for the first time in its California history, is beginning to consider the potentialities of the San Joaquin Valley which means, of course, that Porterville will get its share of such decentralization providing it is willing to work toward such a goal, and meet the competition from other communities.

Fundamentally, so far as we are concerned locally, the problem is one of promotion. A great step forward was taken recently when we were hosts to eighteen industrial editors of metropolitan publications because they were impressed with existing and potential facilities. More important, they are going to tell industry about us — something that has not been done for many, many years.

Naturally, that kind of thing takes time, and it is not good to expect quick results. We will succeed in getting industry which will help us all, but here again the resultant problems will be

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MINE INSPECTED

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 30, 1891—Prof. C. Heese returned from White River last Wednesday where he went to examine the Bald Mountain mine. He reports the mine as having a fine future. Prof. Heese will forward his report to his company in London, England.

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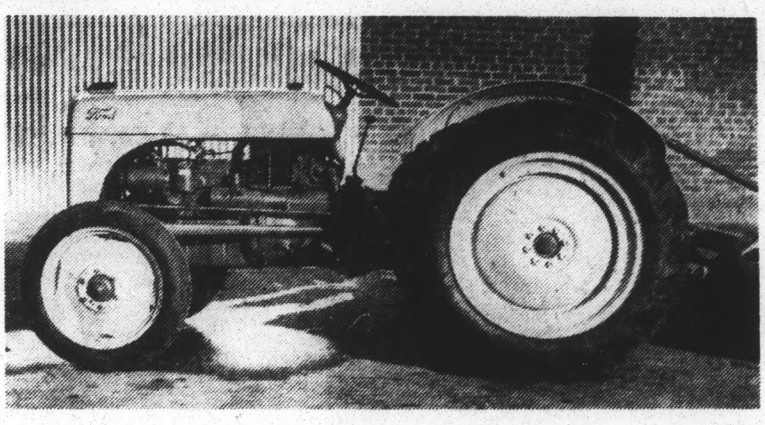
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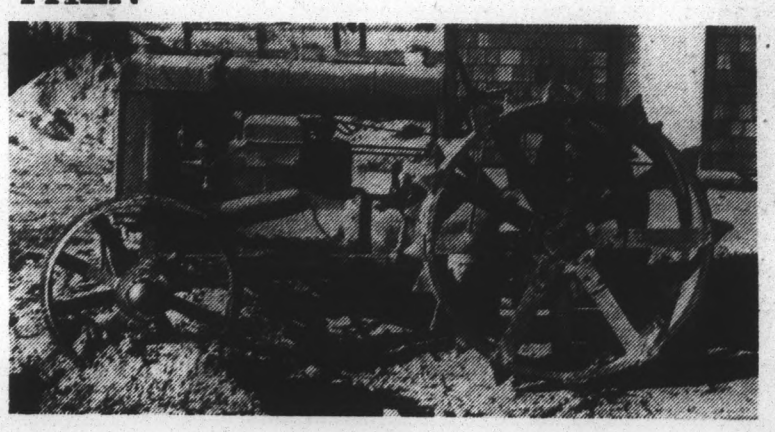
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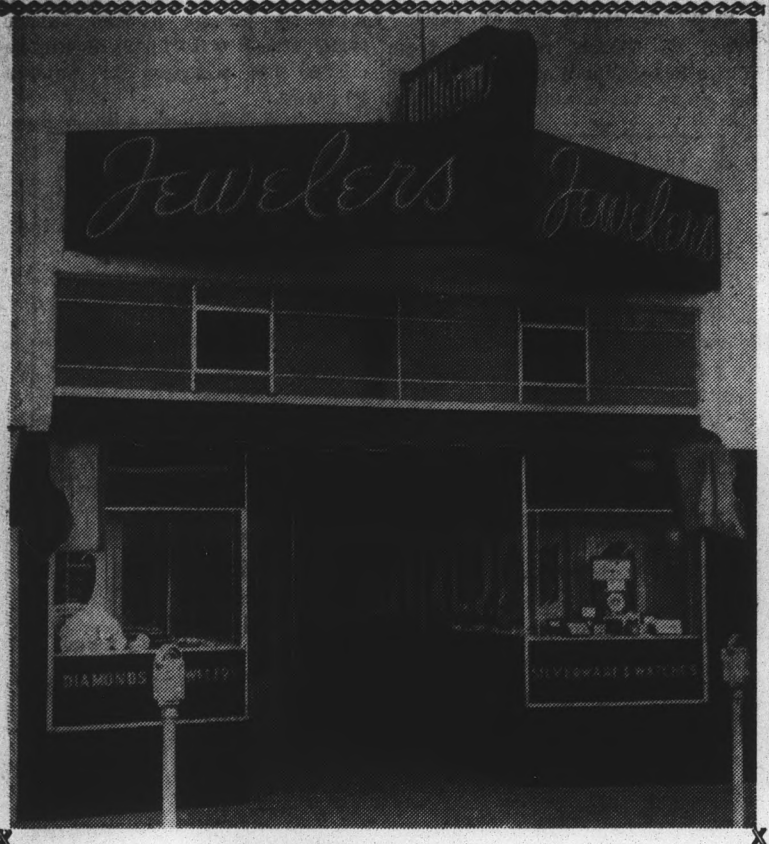
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THE OLD Morton street school that was one time a show-building of Porterville at the north end of Main street. This school was replaced by a red brick building that eventually fell in the path of progress when it was torn down to allow Main street and highway 65 to continue north without the square turn onto Morton street then onto Sunnyside.

Chamber Of Commerce Tells Of Outlook For Continued Development In Porterville

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great.

Don't overlook existing industry. Consider the impact of the new Porterville State Epileptic Hospital originally estimated to $7,500,000 it looks like it will be expanded to cost between $20,000,000 to $25,000,000.

Look at the recent additions to the Sunlight Bakery — no small asset to Porterville or anywhere else for that matter. Then there is the processing plant of F. N. Williams and Sons; the various cement pipe and concrete plants, lumbering, mattress factories, and a host of others which last year combined to produce over $12,000,000 worth of manufactured articles alone. Add to that the many citrus packing plants, and you will reach the conclusion that we are not deficient from the standpoint of industry.

Our future strength lies in our ability to protect and develop what we already have at our command, and at the same time continuing to bring in new industry, make use of technical and other methods of improving agriculture, and to make certain that existing business facilities are not allowed to deteriorate or lag. In that way, we can truly attain a balanced economy, and better living for all citizens.

Celebrate November 11, In Porterville With The Oldtimers

Land Jumping Is In Fashion

PORTERVILLE, Feb. 22, 1888 —Land jumping is in fashion at present and titles are being overhauled and every man suspects his neighbors. The road between Porterville and the land office has been turned into a 30-mile race track and is lined with pieces of broken whip stocks and considerable hard feelings.

FIREMEN'S BALL

PORTERVILLE, June 16, 1893 —The firemen's annual celebration on the 9th was well attended and everything passed off pleasantly. They had races and games in the afternoon, followed by a rag ball in the evening.

The prize for the most artistic ragged lady, a nice silk dress pattern, was awarded to Miss Annie Zalud. A tailor-made pair of pants, to cost $10 was given Mr. Wiles as he seemed to be the "boss rag man."

INSTALLATION

WOODVILLE, Jan. 29, 1892 — The following officers were installed last Saturday in Woodville Lodge I.O.O.F. No. 353, W. P. Monroe, noble grand; John Blair, vice grand; C. Dickey, treasurer; John Roth, recording secretary; George Roth, permanent secretary.

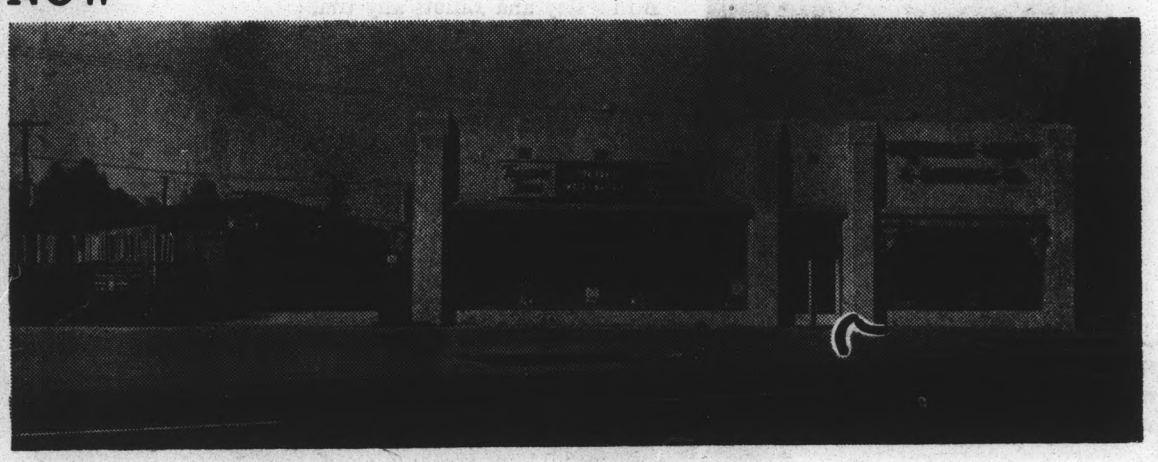
JAIL BREAK

VISALIA, Oct. 2, 1891 — Gratton Dalton, who was convicted of complicity in the Alila train robbery, and who was to appear for sentence Monday, broke jail Sunday evening and is now at large. He is said to be well armed and will be a desperate man to corner.

We'll see you at the Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, November 11.

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It was exactly 30 years ago that Mr. Richard Hodgson and his son, Earl, started their small contracting business in Porterville. In the following years the "Hodgson Boys" have built many of this cities most prominent buildings, the first of them being the First Christian Church and The Security Bank building.

Progressing with Porterville, the firm in 1939 branched out into two separated businesses. The present R. Hodgson and Sons, Contractors, and the Porterville Lumber and Materials Co.

We wish to thank all our friends who, through the years, have made our expansion possible. We also wish to welcome all of Porterville's Visitors and wish them a fine time on Armistice and Homecoming Day.

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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hodgson
Tulare County Hospital under construction in background, 1927

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WILCO MENTZ, FIRST MAYOR OF PORTERVILLE, HAD ACTIVE BUSINESS LIFE IN COMMUNITY

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had been when Sam Gilliam had the Post Office there in 1879 and '80, as shown in an old picture. The store was burned in the fire of 1897 which caused the total destruction of the south half of that block. Mr. Mentz afterwards erected on the site the three-story brick building now Hotel Glennwood, and Jones Hardware company. He got a new stock of drygoods, hardware, etc., and put it into a room in the South Taylor building on the northeast corner of Main and Putnam. This business he sold to the Hallford Bros. in December, 1912.

After his father's death in 1901, Wilko Mentz sold off the cattle, and raised grain and planted an orange grove. He also erected another business building — on Mill street. He was one of the incorporators of the First National Bank of Porterville in June, 1903, and was president of its board of directors until it was sold to the Bank of America in 1930.

Wilko Mentz was a large man with a kindly face. In 1905 he married Miss Jessie Hepburn, a granddaughter of Nathan Baker; and one son, Wilko, was born to them. She had come from Visalia to Porterville in 1897 to establish a business of her own—a dry-goods store—in which for about seven years Mrs. Carl Graef was her partner. The Mentz home was on the west side of D street at Harrison. Mr. Mentz died on January 6, 1933. Mrs. Mentz is now moving to Los Angeles, where, with a sister and niece, she has bought a home.

Mrs. Mentz has been for years a member of the Porterville Women's club and the Inter Se and Mr. Mentz was a Knight of Pythias and a Mason.

'50 Celebration Will Be Great Day In Porterville History

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ternoon tea, a short program and plenty of time for visiting and renewing of old friendships.

Also, during the afternoon, hot rods will roar at the Porterville Speedbowl on east Putnam avenue, with the racing program to start at 2 P. M. Big events of the evening will be public dances at the Veteran of Foreign Wars hall on North street and at the Eagle Lodge hall on Main street, with the Gene Quiram orchestra playing at the Veterans' hall; the Len Dossey orchestra at the Eagles.

Opening Tuesday at the Porterville Speedbowl is the West Coast Shows carnival, with new rides, a brilliant midway and new entertainment features. The carnival will run each night next week through Armistice day.

Actually, the celebration program will open Friday night when Jalopy races are scheduled for the Speedbowl at 7 P.M. Official veteran memorial services will be conducted by the Rev. Charles Brandon at the Episcopal church the morning of November 12.

Ruling over the celebration will be Queen Margaret Holloway, with her attendants, Janet Coleman, Wanda Lewis, Shirley Johnson and Margaret Prestage. These girls are all Porterville college students and were selected by a student vote; a coronation ball will be held at the college Friday evening.

Members of the two sponsoring veteran organization will hold a joint dinner meeting next Wednesday evening at he Legion hall on Oak street to make final celebration plans. Annual breakfast for commitee workers on Armistice morning will be served at the Veteran of Foreign Wars hall, beginning at 5 A.M.

Co-chairmen of the 1950 celebration are Willard Wall of the Legion and Edgar Sutherland of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both immediate past commanders of their respective organizations.

CRICHTON SPEAKS

The Rev. George Crichton, Terra Bellt, spoke on the importance of voting at a meeting of the Porterville Rotary club, Tuesday.

STAFF MAN

Recently appointed to the dairy industry staff on the Davis campus of the University of California is Dr. Thomas A. Nickerson, a college of agriculture graduate in 1943.

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Terra Bella Favors Contract

TERRA BELLA, July 20, 1950—Another step forward in the agricultural development of southeastern Tulare county was taken Tuesday when voters of the Terra Bella Irrigation district approved, 102-2, a contract with the bureau of reclamation for Central Valley project water from the Friant-Kern canal.

Briefly, the contract stipulates that the district can draw a maximum of 29,000 acre-feet of class 1 water for a period of 40 years, at a price not to exceed $3.50 an acre-foot and a percentage of class 2 water at $1.50 per acre foot.

RAILROAD

PORTERVILLE, May 26, 1888—Work is being pushed rapidly forward on the railroad, the construction train at present being located about three and one-half miles south of Porterville. The graders are working six miles from here, near Deer Creek and the surveyors are 17 miles away.

FROM AVENAL

Stuart Nill, Avenal druggist, was in Porterville last Tuesday.

WILLIAMS VISITOR

J. Post Williams, county superintendent of schools, was a business visitor in Porterville, Tuesday.

We'll see you at the Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, November 11.

FINAL PUSH

Final push is now being put on Porterville's new chamber of commerce building, according to President George Baker, who states that some $3,000 will be needed to finish the building.

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PROGRESS

PORTERVILLE, June 9, 1888—Emil Newman, manager of the Pioneer Land company, left for the City on Monday last to purchase material for the waterworks and the electric light plant. They mean business and Porterville will soon see some lively times.

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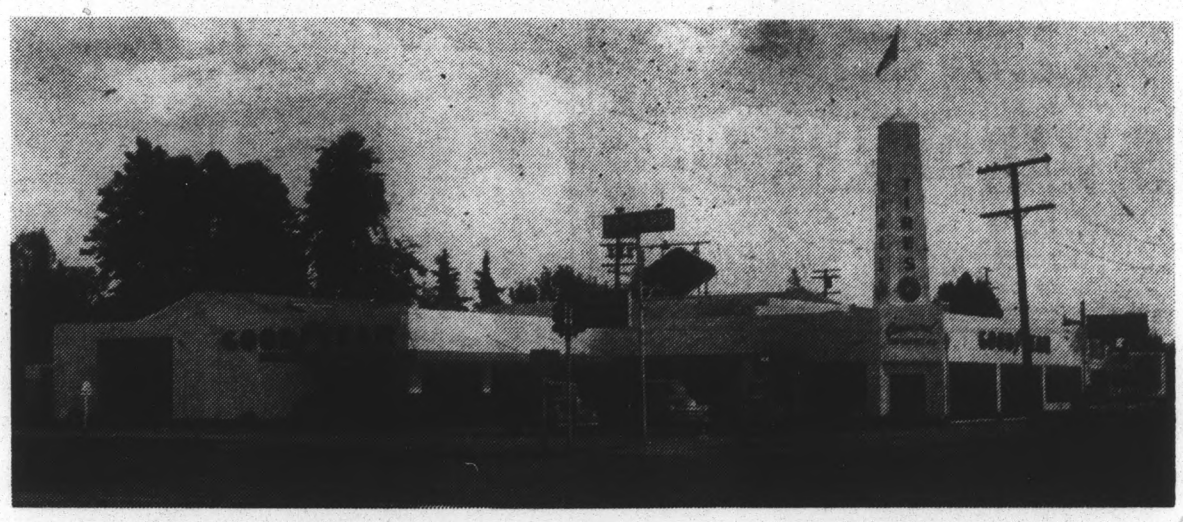
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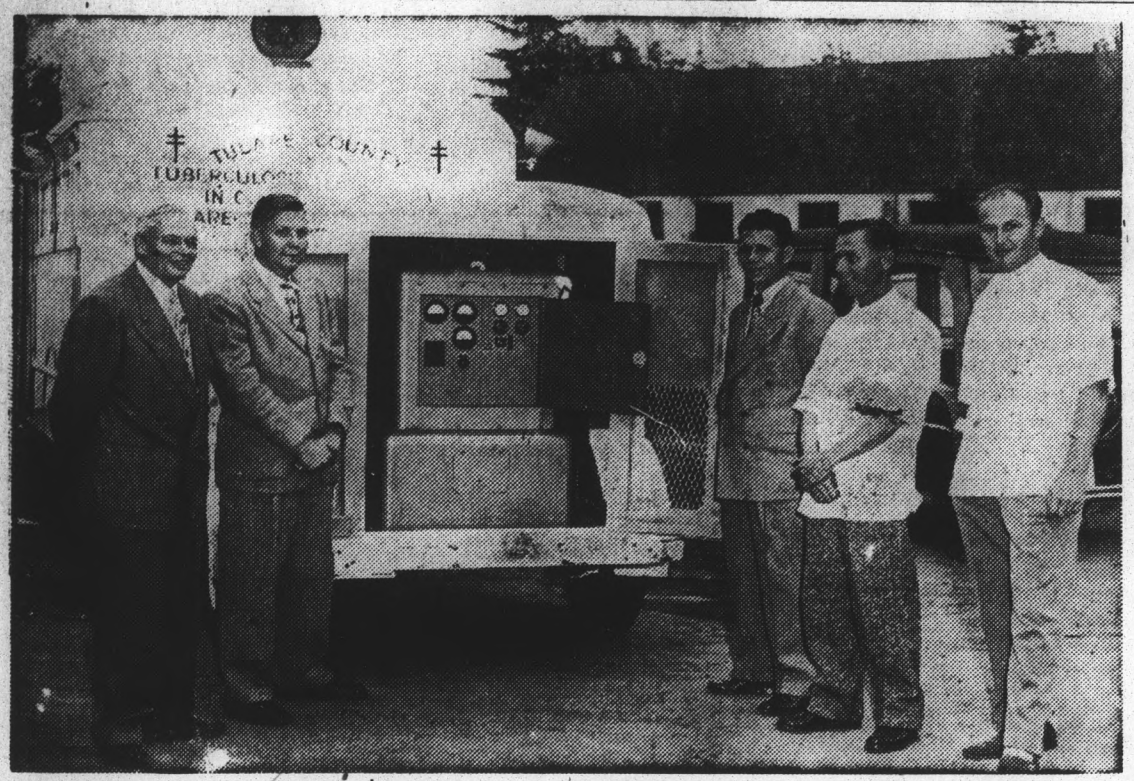
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WE'LL SEE YOU AT THE VETERANS HOMECOMING IN PORTERVILLE, NOVEMBER 11.



ELECTRICAL GENERATOR which the Tulare County TB association has tried to secure for over two years has finally arrived. At the beginning the association lacked the funds but through the generosity of the Visalia Moose lodge, a dance was given last November and $1,400.00 was raised to go towards the generator's purchase. The association through the sale of Christmas Seals last year was able to raise the difference and ordered the equipment in June. The war in Korea delayed shipment for four months and only through special efforts was the generator secured for civilian use. The generator will be put into its first use during the coming week. Engineers from Westinghouse Electric corporation are busy now making final check-ups on the installation.

LAUGHING GAS

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 3, 1891—Teeth extracted without pain and new ones inserted immediately by Dr. Richey, the Popular Chicago dentist, who will be in Porterville until April 11.

ON TRIP

PORTERVILLE, Aug. 28, 1891—Deputy Sheriff Fudge, T. J. Witt and A. M. Lumley started on a two-week's trip to Deer Creek, Hot Springs and the Kern River country last Wednesday.

Farm Tribune Adds Get Results

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FINS FUR FEATHERS

By Phil The Forester

Suggestions for changes in our fishing and hunting regulations are being heard now as the time approaches for the fish and game commission to meet on the subject.

One of the points referred to mostly is the "forked horn" law on the northern Rocky Mountain mule deer. As most buck hunters know, it is illegal to take forked horn deer in Modoc, Lassen and portions of Siskiyou and Shasta counties.

Sportsmen believe there are just too many forked horn bucks killed in the restricted area and left to lay after the error has been discovered to represent good conservation. Once upon a time it was believed the male of this species of deer did not mature sexually until they were past the forked horn stage, thus the protective measure. This idea has since been discounted and we look for a repeal of the regulation by next deer season.

There is some agitation for a closed season on black bass and other warm water fish in central California but the clamor is not strong enough yet to bring about any change. Any proposal along this line will be met with opposition from the state fisheries biologist on the basis these fishes are too prolific to need such protection.

A concentrated attempt will be made to make night fishing legal for certain species of fish in certain areas. For instance, catfishing state-wide and trout fishing in some lakes.

The archers will present a request that the bow and arrow be considered legal equipment to take carp. This will meet some opposition but personally we can see no objection to it. Any game fish that may be taken accidentally by bow and arrow would be of no consequence whereas the removal of carp would not only be beneficial to game fish but would furnish a new kind of fishing sport. The archers will propose that their arrows be affixed to a fishing line and reel, the latter being mounted on the bow.

The commissioners will meet some time during the first ten days of January to hear all suggestions as to changes in season, bag limits and methods of taking fish and game. During the last ten days of the same month they will hold another meeting and announce their determinations and will hear opposition thereto. This is the "regulatory powers" delegated to the commissioners by the State Legislature.

This privilege will expire after it has been exercised for the next fishing and hunting season and sportsmen will have to present a united front and strong and convincing argument to the law-makers in order to have it renewed.

ELECTION

PORTERVILLE, June 9, 1888—An election was held on Saturday last in the South Tule School district and William LaMotte, H. S. Templeton and Mr. Duncan were elected school trustees.

NEW DOCTOR

PORTERVILLE, Jan. 5, 1889—Dr. J. L. Hardeman, formerly of San Diego, has located permanently in Porterville and can be found at Mrs. Conner's residence for the present.

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BUTTERFIELD OVERLAND MAIL STAGE THAT STOPPED AT TULE RIVER IN THE LATE 1850s



BUTTERFIELD STAGE, of the type shown above, stopped at the Tule river before the city of Porterville was established. First trip was started from St. Louis in the east and San Francisco in the west on September 16, 1858, traveling the southern route. The Butterfield line grew in popularity through 1859 and 1860, however, in March of 1861, congress voted to discontinue the southern route and transfer the United States mail service handled by Butterfield to a central route. During the time that the stage ran through the Tulare county area, men passengers were instructed to carry a Sharp rifle, a Colt navy revolver, two pounds of balls, a knife and sheath. Each coach carried three sacks of letters averaging 170 pounds and a newspaper bag of about 140 pounds. Butterfield's instruction to his drivers was, "Remember, boys, nothing on God's earth must stop the United States mail." (Cut from A. L. Stimson's History of the Express Business, courtesy, Stanford University Press and courtesy California Highways and Public Works.)

Centennial Markers Will Be Placed At Old Butterfield Stage Stop On Tule River

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—When pioneers return to Porterville for the 1951 Homecoming celebration, they will probably be able to see a California Centennial marker at the junction of Highway 65 and Sunnyside avenue, in commemoration of the Tule river stage station where the famous Butterfield Overland stages stopped in the years 1858-61.

The marker will be set in a small park that is now being built by the city of Porterville. The park plan was designed by Porterville students through a contest last May, sponsored by the Porterville Business and Professional Women's clubs several organizations, including the Native Daughters of the Golden West and the Porterville Garden club, will assist with landscaping the park and placing the marker.

Official approval for the marker was received from the state centennial commission by Harold G. Schutt, Lindsay, president of the Tulare County Historical society.

The Butterfield stages ran through this district before the town of Porterville was formed; the stage station was on the banks of the Tule river, which then swung in along the south point of Scenic Heights hill.

The stage line ran from St. Louis to San Francisco. It dipped southward, after entering California from Fort Yuma, Arizona, into Mexico, back through Imperial valley and on into the City of The Angels.

Moving north, stops were made at Cahuenga, the abandoned mission of San Fernando, through the Tejon pass to Fort Tejon and on into the San Joaquin valley, where

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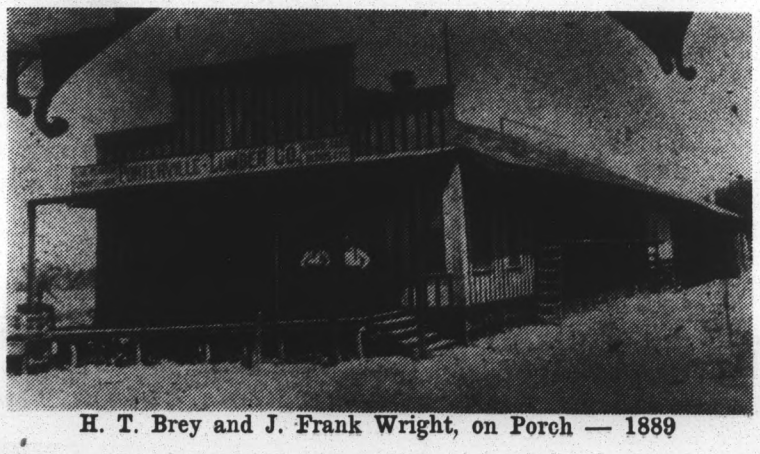
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Giant-Size Concrete Pipe Constructed For Irrigation Districts At New Plant

By JIM HUGHES

Porterville, August 2, 1950—As a direct result of the Central Valley project, another industry, with the possibility of becoming a permanent part of the local scene, has come to Porterville. The Central Valley Concrete Pipe company, located in Newcombe drive on the site formerly occupied by the Peter Kiewit and Son headquarters, will begin operations shortly to fulfill the terms of a contract with the federal bureau of reclamation, calling for the manufacture of reinforced concrete pipe to be used by irrigation districts for their lateral distributing systems.

A working force of 75 local men will be employed when the plant starts rolling. Operations will be carried on 24 hours a day in three shifts.

Company officials hope to have completed work on the bureau contract within six months, at which time they will decide the advisability of leaving the plant as a permanent Porterville industry, the dicision being dependent upon the amount of business offered by this part of the valley.

Reinforced concrete pipe to be manufactured on the site for the contract, will range in sizes of 12 to 72 inch diameter, and in lengths of 12 to 14 feet.

The Central Valley Concrete Pipe company is a component of the Gunhert and Zimmerman company, with headquarters in Stockton. The parent organization manufactures special heavy equipment and is a supplier of basic raw materials. Gunhert and Zimmerman company designed and manufactured the canal lining equipment used in the Friant-Kern canal by the general contractors.

C. S. Sorenson is the Porterville plant superintendent. Chet Covey is the office manager, and Bob Taggart is the bookkeeper. W. A. DeVann is the bureau of reclamation inspector on the job. Except for certain key personnel, all labor will be recruited locally, it is stated.

Porterville High School Agricultural Program Has Progressed Through The Years Since 1912

Porterville, November 2, 1950—Since 1912, when Porterville High School's first agricultural class raised garden crops and a little wheat and barley, the school program has grown to a point where, this year, nearly 200 boys are engaged in an extensive program that includes the theoretical aspects of farming as taught in the classroom and practical farming experience as gained through home projects and field trips to successful farms of the community.

Today, it is possible for an agricultural student to build a project in livestock or poultry or crops that is valued at several hundred dollars, or even up into the thousands of dollars—a project that can provide a rather substantial start in the business of farming following graduation, or that can provide funds for further education.

Even though great strides have been taken in high school agricultural education since 1912, progress has not stopped. As a result of a successful bond issue last spring, provision has been made for purchase of a high school and college farm labratory site, with a new college plant to probably be constructed on the school farm property. The school farm will be used for practical education and experience in the diversified fields of agriculture that prevail in the southeastern Tulare county area.

PORTERVILLE'S NEW INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT



REINFORCED CONCRETE pipe is being constructed by the Central Valley Concrete Pipe company at this new plant, located on City of Porterville property along Newcomb road west of town. The pipe will be used is water distribution systems being constructed by the bureau of reclamation in Tulare county irrigation districts; the plant may remain as a permanent business after the bureau of reclamation contracts are filled. (Farm Tribune—Vossler Flying Service photo)

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NEW PLANT

TERRA BELLA, April 20, 1950—Southern Tulare Olive Marketing association has been dissolved and the olive processing plant sold to the Terra Bella Olive association.

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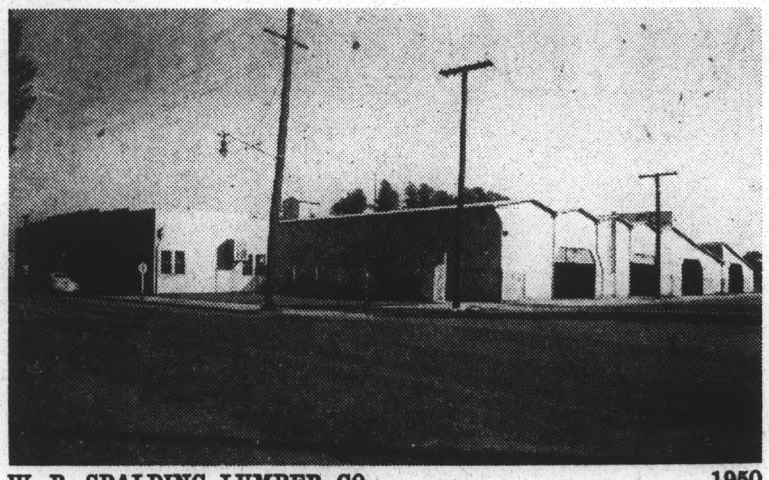
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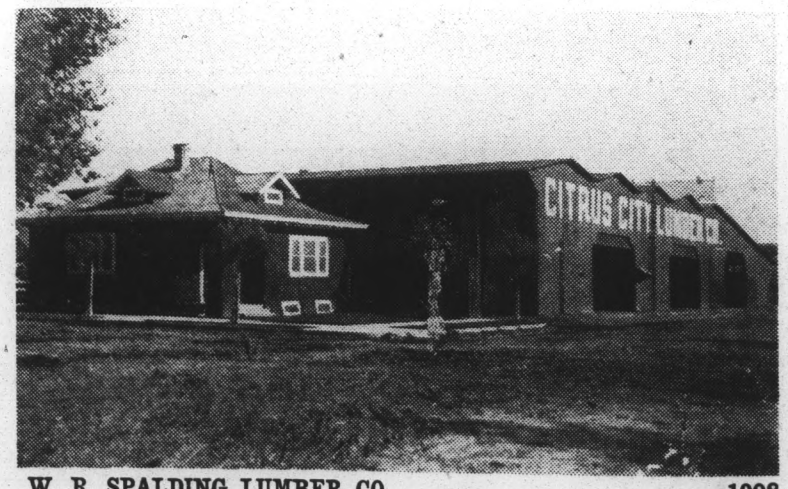
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FIRST AGRICULTURAL class at Porterville high school is shown above in a 1912 picture belonging to L. N. Carpenter of Porterville, while below, a group of 1950 Porterville high school agricultural students view some top Poland China show hogs at the Monache Farm of Rolla Bishop, northwest of Porterville. From left to right, in the 1912 picture, are: Clark Schmittou, Hershel Graham, Earl Hodgson, Syrille Scott, Fred Badou, Eathon Matthis, Carlos Templeton, Harold Cloer, Elmer Robinson, Frank McKelvey, Chas. Flory, Roscoe Richardson (in wheelbarrow) Everell Norris, Neville Carpenter, Myron Tobias, Professor Grinnell, Katherine Salsa, Nellie Walton, Mamie Sustrich and Nina Walton.

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October 13, 1900. Hunters tell us that two big grizzly bears still make their home on Mount Maggie across the middle Tule from Mountain Home.

November 23, 1900. J. W. Young was down from the Dillonwood mill, Wednesday. He reports two and one-quarter miles of flume built. He cut 400,000 ft. of lumber this season with 100,000 feet of it to bring down yet. Work will be kept on at the mill during the winter.

PHOTOGRAPHER

Porterville, March 11, 1892—Mr. A. R. Moore, a photographer, is in town and contemplates opening a gallery in a few days.

August 17, 1900. The New Dillonwood saw mills is a solid neat concern and the way it is put up indicates that the Young Brothers are in the sawing business there to remain awhile.

J. C. Lunegrover of Tulare a student of the University who spent his vacation ot the Enterprise Mill, has returned to Berkeley.

"Porterville" and "Klondike" flour were manufactured from white wheat and "Sonora" from sonora wheat by A. Leslie, at the old Porterville mill, which was built in 1889 at present site of Murry park and was remodled extensively in 1897.

March 1, 1890. Avon Coburn has strated up his box factory at Soda Springs and is cutting fence posts.

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Building During Year In Porterville Runs To More Than A Million Dollars

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—Since pioneers gathered in Porterville last November, building permits issued by the city of Porterville have totaled more than a million dollars—$1,014,845 to be more exact—indicating the great amount of progress that the city is making.

Figures from the office of City Engineer Don Baird show that permits for new construction, business and residential, ran $911,519, while permits for alternations and improvements amounted to $103,326.



Baird

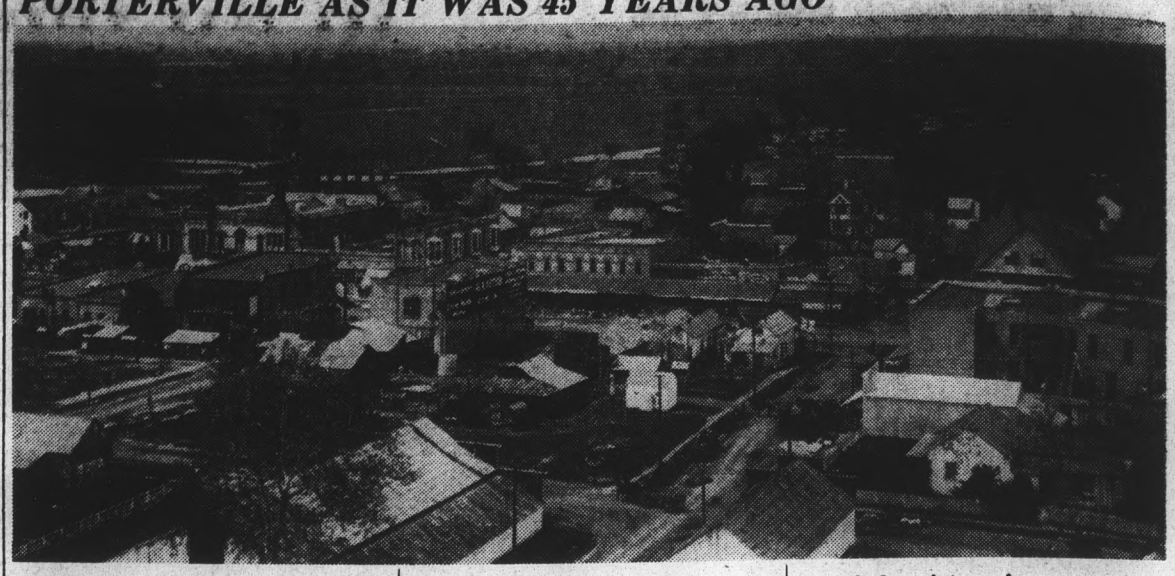
Visitors will note that some of the old Main street buildings are receiving a "face lifting" and new stores going in are utilizing the most modern fixtures and equipment.

With this new construction and modernization and with increases in numbers of businesses in many fields, Porterville can now rank itself as the most diversified and most modern shopping center in Tulare county.

June 29, 1900. Ben and Charles Holt of the manufacturing company were in Springville this week to inspect the work being done by the steam wagon and they were well pleased with its behavior. The steam wagon is now carrying 38,000 feet of lumber a trip and makes three trips a week to Roth Spur. (Strathmore)

We'll see you at the Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, November 11.

PORTERVILLE AS IT WAS 45 YEARS AGO



FROM THE top of the city water tower, about 1905 or 1907, Porterville looked like this. The Pioneer hotel can be seen at the right; the Price building at the left. The open land area at the top of the picture is now covered with residential and business buildings.

$50,000 Worth Of City Building Made Porterville Headlines In 1889

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 6, 1889—As Porterville is making such rapid strides in the way of fruit-growing, farming and improvements of all kinds, we think a few words about the building which is so steadily going on in our town, may be of some interest to our readers.

First and foremost, then comes the new Pioneer hotel, which will be finished in the course of three or four weeks, at a cost of about $18,000.

Next comes the Taylor block of four stores, which will be completed in another six weeks and which will cost about $12,000.

Other small buildings, in the shape of residences, are nearing competition, the finest of these being P. P. Davis' new house on the corner of Gum and Hockett.

J. B. Hockett is erecting a one-story cottage on C street; L. J. Redfield has just commenced a one-story, modern cottage on Mill street; H. S. Hardeman has nearly completed his one-story Eastlake cottage on the County road.

G. Rownsaville is busy with a one and a half story house on Oak street; C. A. Carmen is building a modern house on Oak street; O. H. Wilcox is completing his house on County road and besides these, Dr. Henrehan has completed one of the neatest of our town residences at a cost of about $2,500 on the County road.

M. C. Boatman has finished one on the next block at a cost of $1,500 and G. E. Ducommon another at about $1,500, besides several smaller houses.

All this building equals about $50,000 and Col. Taylor has in contemplation half a dozen more brick stores; J. F. Kessing five brick stores, the Knights of Pythias a hall, the Catholics of our community a church and J. B. Hockett, A. Abbey, George Ducommon, Fred Ackerman and several others will build in a very short time.

June 8, 1900. The heavier new steam-wagon "Springville" went out Tuesday with 25,000 feet of lumber. It went up the Daunt hill without stopping. Arthur Young thinks the new wagon is a crackerjack.

June 15, 1900. The mammoth new Trilby steam-wagon "Springville" was steaming along in good shape near Globe with 38,00 feet of lumber when a wheel came off one of the wagons.

June 22, 1900. Redwood bark will be placed in the road where the steam-wagon has difficulty catching hold. This bark makes a fine covering for sandy roads and its wearing qualities are very good.

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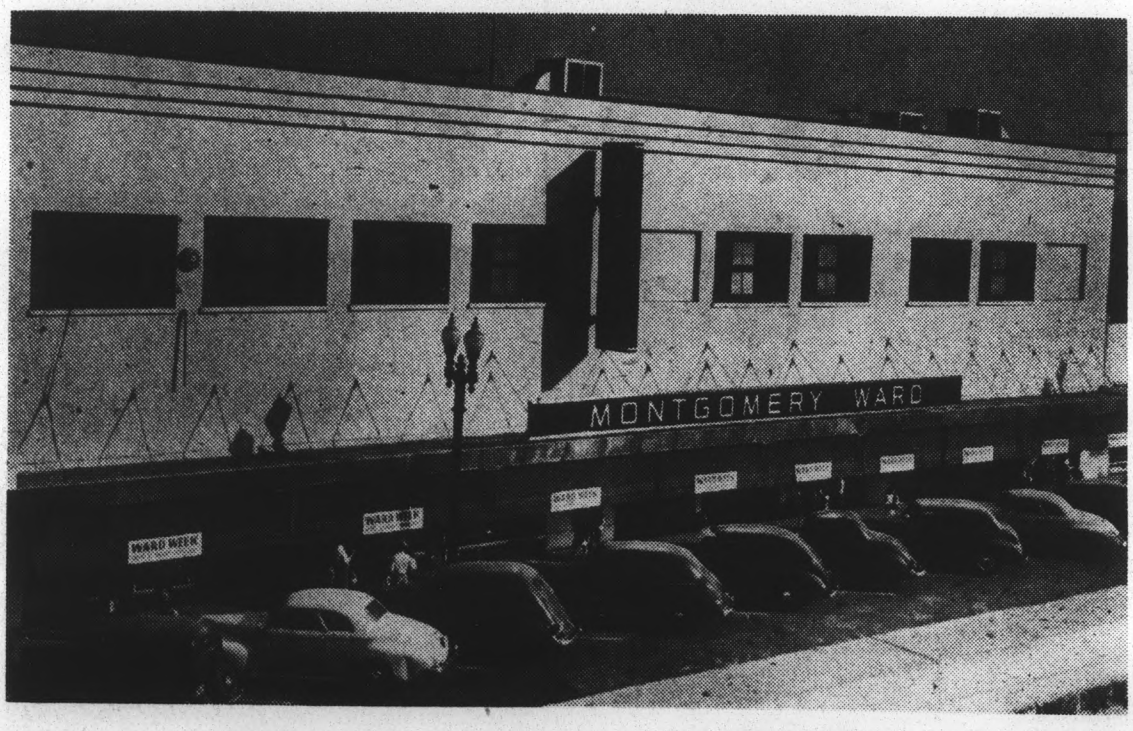
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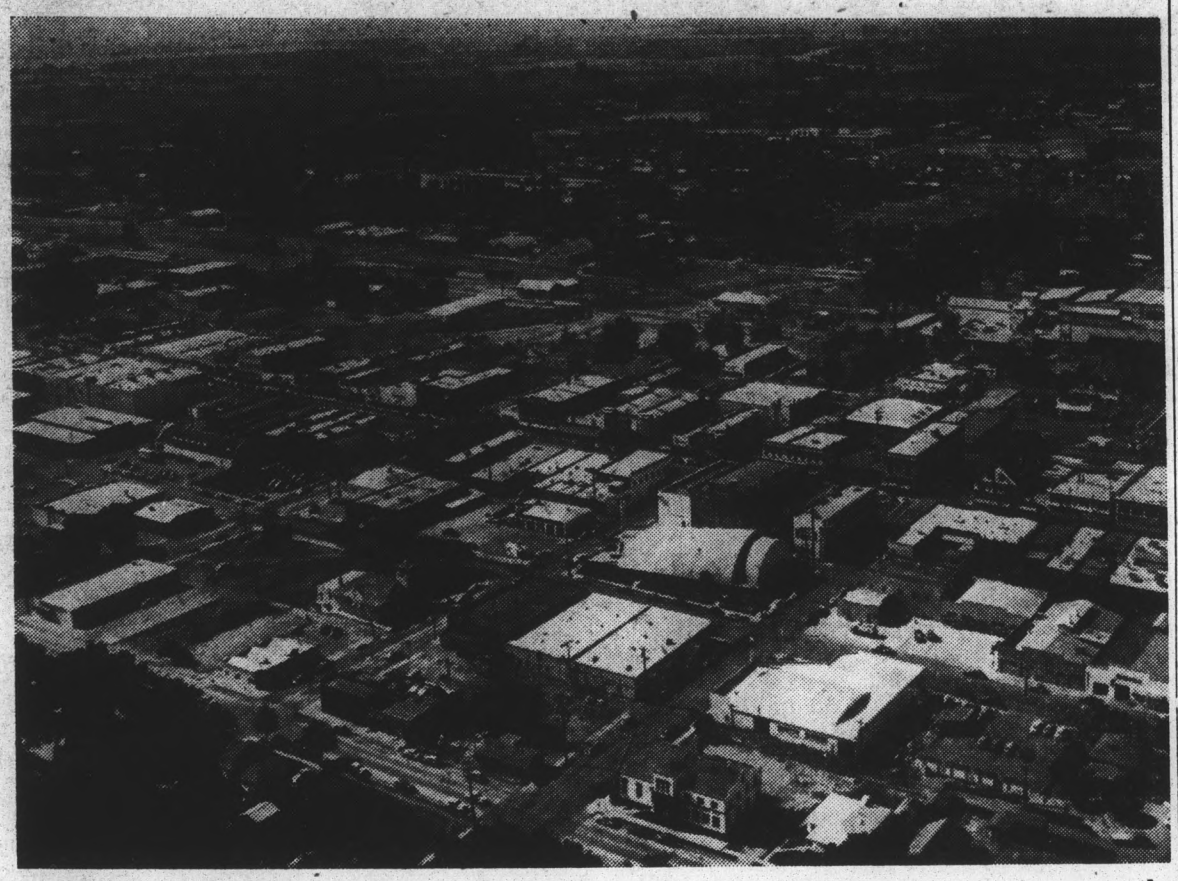


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PORTERVILLE, LOOKING SOUTHWEST, 1950



LOOKING SOUTHWEST from above the city water tower, with the Pioneer hotel at right center and the rear of the Divizich building at the left. The sloping, round roof is that of the new Porter theatre and at the right top is Porterville high school. The plant of the San Joaquin Valley Poultry Producers assn. can be seen at the extreme left on the edge of the business district. (Farm Tribune-Vossler Flying Service photo)

Farnsworth AceHi Hereford Ranch Is Tops In State Of California

Porterville, December 8, 1949—Mr. and Mrs. Freeland Farnsworth, owners of the AceHi spread near White River, were this week rated as the top Polled and Horned Hereford breeders in the state of California during 1948, on a basis of number of cattle registered during that year.

Official figures show that 153 head of AceHi Polled Herefords were registered during 1948, while 264 Horned Herefords went into registery records.

These figures place the AceHi ranch herd as tops in California in number of calves registered.

In national ratings, the Farnsworths ranked seventh in Polled Hereford registration and tied with three others for 24th place in Horned Hereford registration.

For a number of years, the Farnsworth have been developing and improving their Polled Hereford line and have established a wide reputation as breeders of top Herefords.

Mr. Farnsworth is secretary-treasurer of the California Polled Hereford association.

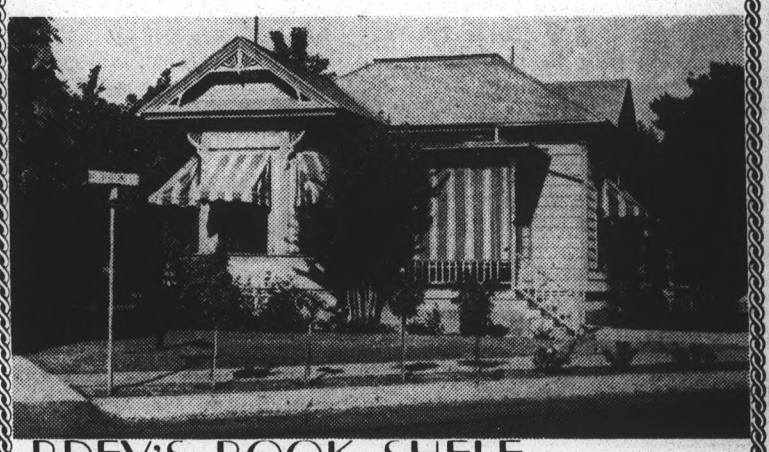
NEW CHURCH

Porterville, July 12,1907—The work of excavating for the new Methodist church is in progress and considerable dirt has been hauled away from the church lot on Putnam avenue. The work is under the supervision of a committee composed of Moses Davidson, George D. Avery, Dr. B. L. Carpenter, C. F. Boettcher and H. D. Hapgood.

GRANGE PRESIDENT

Porterville, Nov. 21, 1950—Will Whittet, Welcome district rancher, has been elected master of the Porterville Grange. He replaces L. N. Carpenter, of Porterville.

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OLD NAMES IN COMMUNITY RECALLED AS CLAUBES PHARMACY FILLS 400,000th PRESCRIPTION

Porterville, December 1, 1949—

Old names of the community are this week being recalled as Claubes Pharmacy in Porterville prepares to observe its 40th anniversary and to fill its 400,000th new prescription.

It was prior to 1909 that the late Todd C. Claubes started the prescription file that now numbers nearly a half million. At that time, the business was known as Robbins, Claubes and Byrd, a partnership that had previously bought out J. F. Canty of the Pioneer Hotel Pharmacy in the same location that the Claubes Pharmacy now occupies.

In 1909, Mr. Claubes assumed complete ownership of the business that is still owned by members of his family and actively managed by Mrs. Zoe Clouette, the former Miss Zoe Claubes.

In those early days of the business, about 1912 and 1913, Mr. Claubes also operated pharmacys at Ducor and Springville and the names of many prominent pioneer families appear in the prescription file, also the names of prominent, early-day physicians—Dr. S. A. Barber, Dr. O. C. Higgins, Dr. H. W. Oakley, Dr. H. D. Grady, Dr. W. L. Lackey and from Lindsay, Dr T. L. Stallings.

Of interest is an old prescription for spiritus furmenti, a pint of which sold them for 65 cents.

In observance of the 40th anniversary of the business and the 400,000th prescription, which will be filled within the next several days, Mrs. Clouette has announced a special store program for next Tuesday, December 6.

In commenting on changes in the pharmacy business, Mrs. Clouette states that many more prescriptions are being written today than in the past.

"It is not that people today are any less healthy," she states. "Rather, old remedies such as wormwood, asafoetida and patent medicines are not being used as 'home cures.'

"People today depend more on the advise of their doctors and use approved medicines upon the order of their doctor rather than attempting to take care of themselves."

At the rate new Claubes prescriptions have been written—10,000 per year for 40 years, in addition to many thousand of refills, Mrs. Clouette believes that Claubes Pharmacy has filled more prescriptions than any other pharmacy in the San Joaquin valley between Fresno and Babersfield.

In connection with the anniversary, a historical window display will be placed at the Claubes store, featuring old drugs, old drug bottles and box labels, old prescriptions and early-day pictures of the store.

Owners of the Claubes store today, in addition to Mrs. Clouette, are: Mrs. T. C. Claubes, Leslie Claubes, Harry Claubes and Mrs. and Mrs. J. B. Lockyer.

WATER FIGHT WAS BIG EVENT BACK IN 1907

Porterville, July 12, 1907—Speaking of the water fight on July 4, the Bakersfield Echo says:

"The Bakersfield firemen were outclassed from the word go for the art and the Porterville team the are and the Porterville team did. Two of the Porterville men took the nozzle under their arms and went backwards into the fray. Their bowing backs protected with oil coats, turned the stream of their adversaries most effectively and protected the other members who followed after, face foremost. The Bakersfield boys, in their inexperience, went into the fight headon.

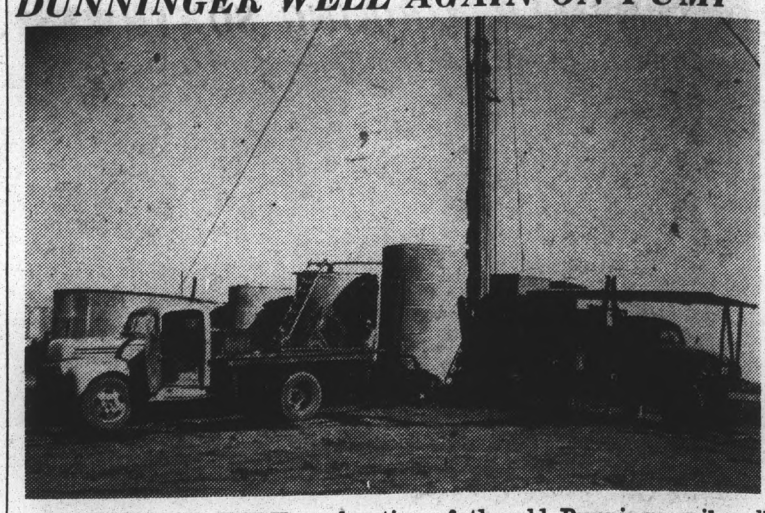
"From 60 pounds the pressure was run up to 120 pounds, and in spite of this terrific force, the contesting teams hung grimly to their posts until the Bakersfield men were simply driven off their feet.

"In the course of the fight, George Howe, one of the Bakersfield men, was struck in the eye with the stream from the Porterville nozzle, and the nozzle itself hit Billy Goodall a heavy blow on the head. Both men were seriously hurt.

"The drenching of the occupants of two automobiles and an occasional wetting down of the crowd added to the fun, and the water fight probably carried off the honors for being the most exciting event of the day.

"The Porterville firemen were: Chief J. W. Burford, Edgar Peabody, Roy Oldfield, Tom Jackson, Cleve Udell, Bert Maxon and John Campbell."

DUNNINGER WELL AGAIN ON PUMP



EQUIPMENT AT WORK on location of the old Dunninger oil well southwest of Teapot Dome, where production of high gravity oil was started this week. Reopening of the well is expected to foreshadow an extensive drilling program on the 160-acre lease that is now being operated by a group of local men.

Is Oil Going To Stage A Comeback In Terra Bella And Porterville Areas?

Porterville, November 2, 1950—One of the big current questions in the southeastern Tulare county area is whether or not oil is going to stage a comback.

Pioneers, returning to the 1950 reunion on November 11, and many persons still residing in the Porterville and Terra Bella districts will recall the days of the Terra Bella oil boom, and will view with interest developments at the old Dunninger well, southwest of Tea Pot Dome, where George H. Hudson, John Starks, A. M. Parks, and Charles Olsson, operating as the Congress Petroleum company, now have the old well on pump.

In addition, the new company plans to drill several other wells in the vicinity, and, if the development program goes as planned, an active field may be in the making.

Production, in the old Terra Bella days, was never high, however oil brought a premium price. With oil prices up as they are today, a profitable venture may develop around the old Dunninger well.

Still offering a big question mark is the Hudson-Faye well along Deer Creek about a mile and a half east of highway 65. When the Hudson Oil company was forced to leave the hole at a depth of 3,664 feet last year, as drilling funds ran out, indications pointed toward a possible successful completion.

This well is considerably deeper than any other in the district and drilling went through a formation that had formerly been considered "basement," to open entirely new oil possibilities in the area. An effort is now being made to get drilling operations going again on the Hudson-Faye property.

New Restaurant

Porterville, Nov. 17, 1950—An American success story was written today when Mr. and Mrs. Gang Sue opened their new Gang Sue Tea Garden on north Main street in Porterville. Gang, who was born in Canton, China, first came to America in 1928; he had been in business in Porterville for 17 years. The Tea Garden is one of the most colorful and unique establisments of its kind in the San Joaquin valley.

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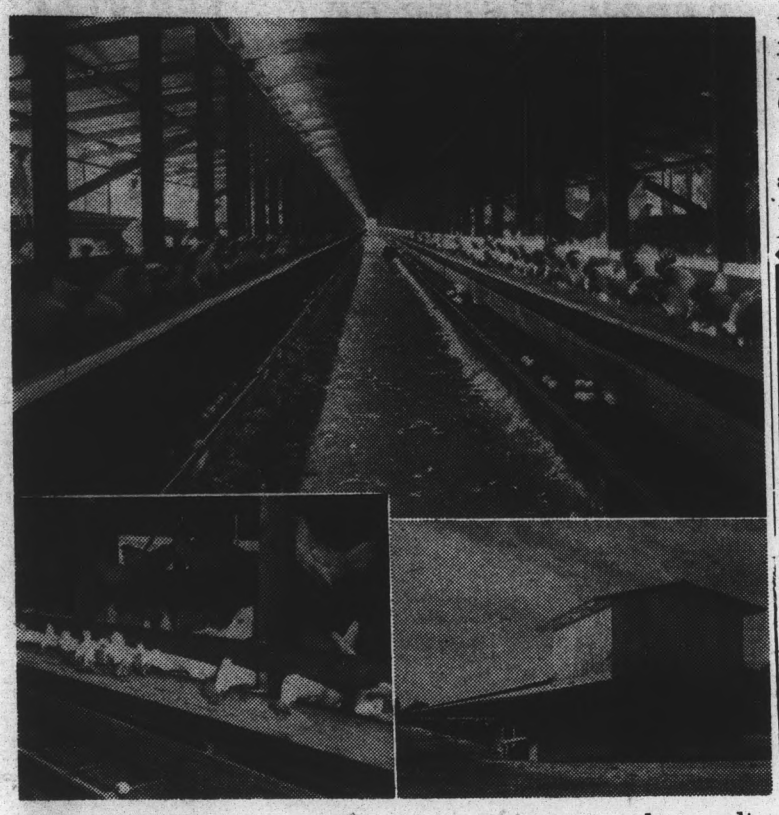
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Irrigation District Formed On Lower Tule

Woodville, Dec. 28, 1949—By a vote of 282-21, farmers in the lower Tule river area voted to form the Lower Tule River Irrigation district that will include an area of some 92,000 acres extending generally along the lower Tule water shed between a line extending through Poplar and Cotton Center and the Kings county line.

Elected as directors of the district were: Herman A. Vossler, Anton Simonich, Harrington Brown, William Silveria and A. E. Panetta. Named district asessor-collector-treasurer was Norman Vossler.

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Street Sweeper Left Something To Be Desired

Porterville, July 12, 1907—The street sweeper ordered several weeks ago by the city trustees arrived here Saturday and was put into operation Monday, Trustee Howell superintending the work and George Harp occupying the driver's seat.

While the machine does the sweeping well, its work has a number of objectionable features. For one thing, it raises an immense cloud of dust that envelopes practically the entire street. This can, of course be obviated to a great degree by sprinkling the street, but this process entails about twice the amount of work the city fathers had figured on.

Another objection to the sweeper is that it throws sand and dirt on the sidewalks and everybody must get busy with a broom as soon as the sweeper has passed. One thing can be said, however, and that is the sweeping is done much more thoroughly than by the old hand-style.

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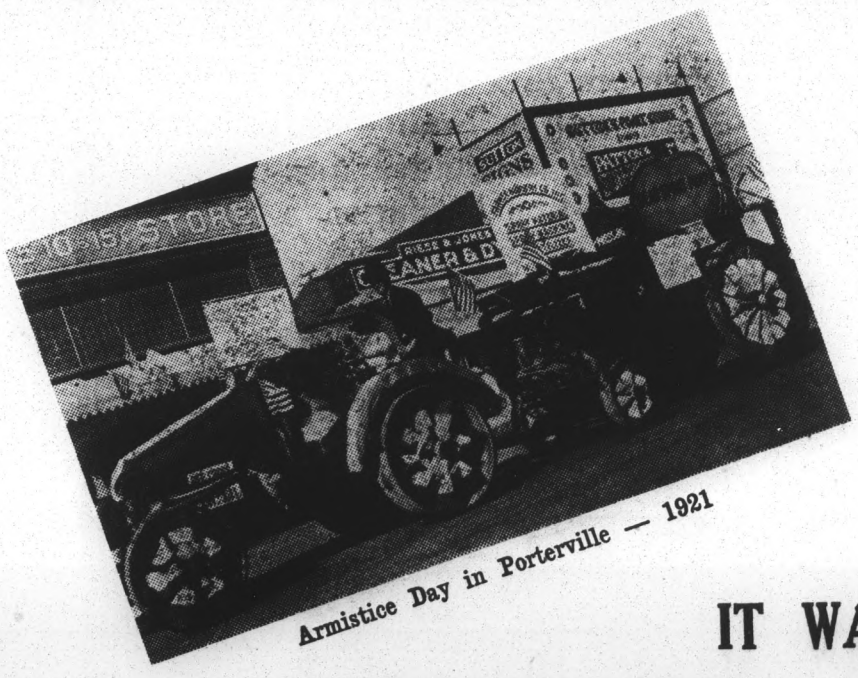
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Maybe Things Don't Change Much

Porterville Wanted Industry

Porterville, April 28, 1899—It may seem strange to acknowledge that there is anything needed here, but there are many things sadly wanted, all of which yield a rich revenue to the progressive men supplying them.

History has shown the value as a wealth builder of the dairy interests, and matter-of-fact persons hardly realize the enormous proportions to which this industry has grown. Milk is a cash product and there is no doubt that the party with one or two cows could well spare a fel gallons of milk a week, which, taken to a creamery, could bring them pocket money.

We wonder that a creamery has not already been established here. The best way, in the writer's opinion, is to form a cooperative organization with, say $5,000 capital, or even less will do.

Many, to many farmers ship their hogs to San Francisco and get their hams and bacons from that same city, paying two local freigts on what should be manufreights on what should be probable that a large pork packing establishment would be profitable, but most certainly a small one would pay.

There should be in this city a wood-working factory. The redwood forests are within 35 miles of Porterville yet all the fancy counters and inside work made of that wood comes from Sacramento and San Francisco.

It may be asked, what would a manufacturer do for power, fuel being so expensive. This question is about to be solved. The Mt. Whitney Power company is now running an electric line from its power plant on the Kaweah river to Porterville, and by touching a button, the wheels of any number of manufacturing plants can be set in motion.

And there will some day be a new county formed out of the east half of Tulare county, with Porterville for the county seat; and then this fruit zone will be the very richest in the United States.

Porterville Wants Industry

Porterville, November 2, 1950—Maybe things don't change so much after all.

In the adjacent story, dated 1899, comment is made concerning the things that Porterville needed 50 years ago—a creamery—a wood-working factory—a meat packing concern—other types of industry.

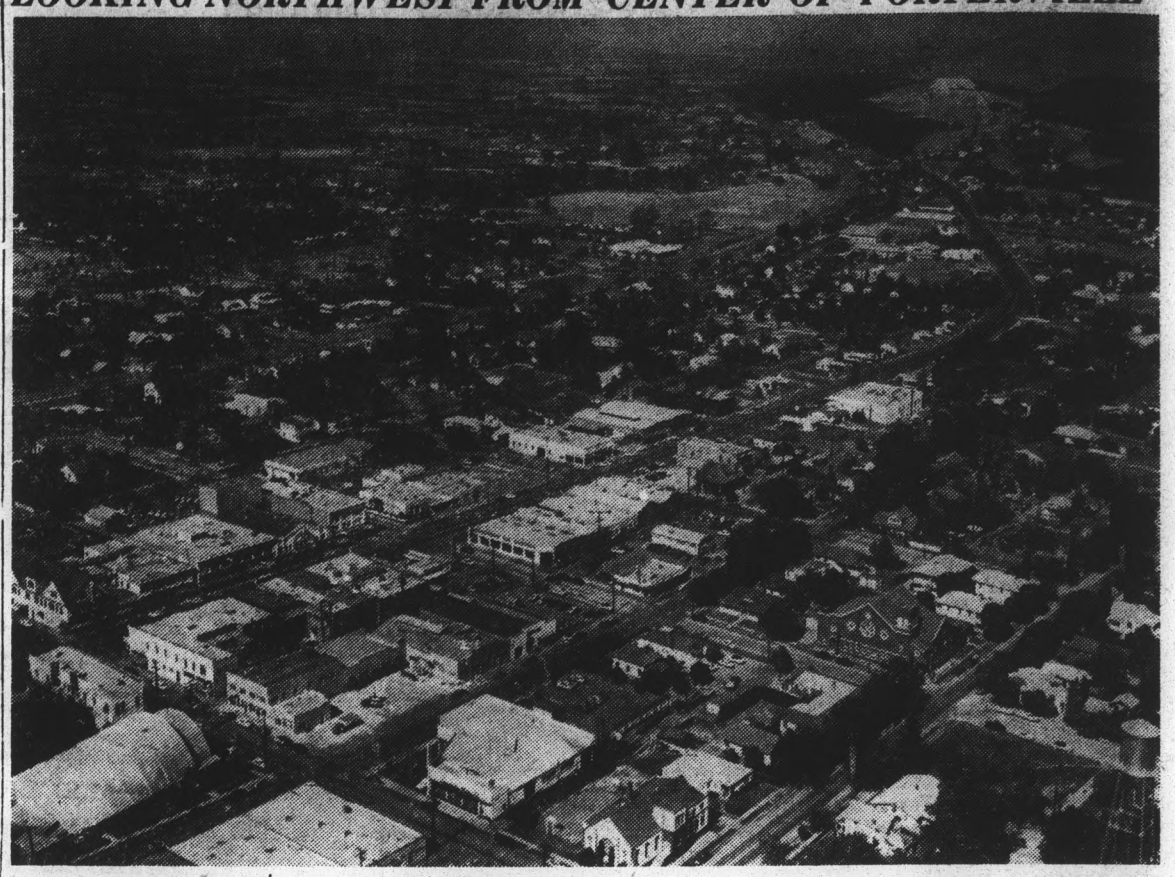
And today, Porterville is still talking of the same basic needs—even the same specific needs, for there is still discussion of the advantages of a creamery in the community and of the possibilities of establishing a slaughter house and meat-packing business.

Matching the 1899 talk of need for a wood-working factory to utilize the natural supply of Redwood is the 1950 talk of the possibility of textile mills to utilize the thousands of bales of cotton that are now produced annually in the Tulare county area.

And with the power problem, mentioned 50 years ago, now pretty well taken care of, current problem, in so far as general industry is concerned is that of interesting industry in moving into an area, the San Joaquin valley, that is far outstripping

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LOOKING NORTHWEST FROM CENTER OF PORTERVILLE



GREAT PROGRESS that is being made in the city of Porterville is indicated in this picture, which is taken from above the city water tank, that shows the business and residential development as it was in October of 1950. Main street, which is also Highway 65, extends diagonally through the center of the picture, cutting what was once the Morton street school ground, and on north passes Scenic Heights hill. (Farm Tribune—Vossler Flying Service Photo.)

A BUSY SOCIAL SEASON DEMANDS A SKILLED CLEANING SERVICE

WELCOME PIONEERS - VETERANS

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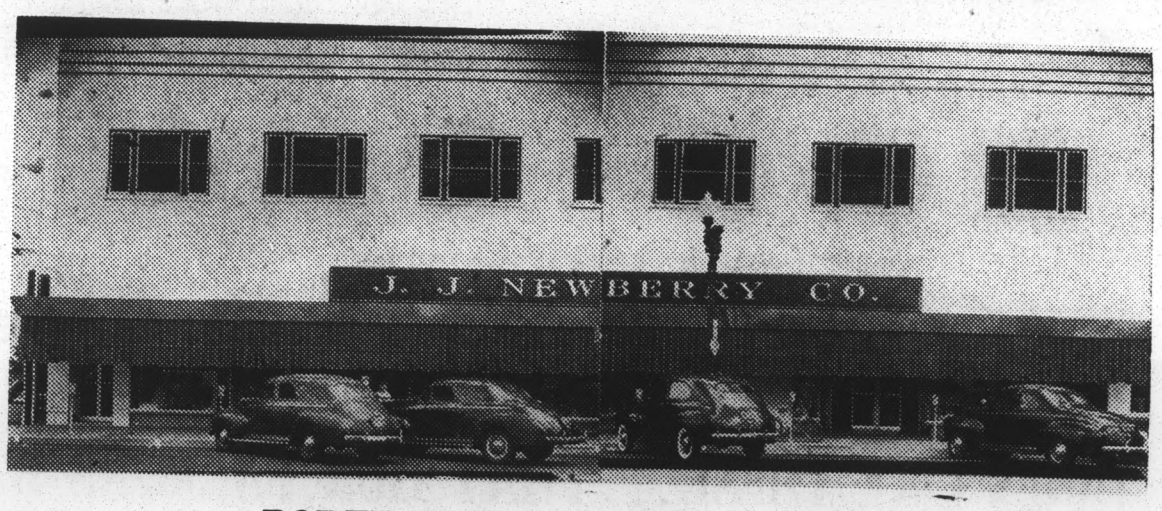
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LOOKING NORTHWEST AS PORTERVILLE USED TO BE



THE OLD Catholic church, left center, is the predominent building in this view from the Porterville city water tower about 1905 or 1907. The first Morton street school can be seen at what was then the north end of Main street, while only houses and ranch buildings can be seen in the area that now has a number of business houses and many homes.

Porterville Wants Industry

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any other section of the nation in population increases.

Chamber of commerce talk today centers around industry that will work hand-in-hand with the great business of agriculture, and, basically, that was chamber of commerce talk 50 years ago.

And about talk of a new county to be formed out of the east half of Tulare county? We still hear it, but probably the chance was missed when the attempt was made some 50 years ago to form Putnam county with Porterville as the county seat.

We say probably it was missed. After all, the next 50 years will see developments that the previous 50 years never dreamed of.

FARM TRIBUNE ADS PAY

HOLDUP

Porterville, June 3, 1898—George Willis, accompanied by his mother, while enroute to Hanford and within two miles of that town, about 2 A.M., Friday, was called upon to throw up his hands. George took no heed of the demand, whipped up his horses, and received no further molestation.

VACATION

Porterville, July 20, 1894—Miss Lulu Beebe and Miss Grace Redfield arrived in town Sunday from San Jose to spend their vacation with their parents. Miss Redfield left to join her parents at Mountain Home, Monday.

TRAEGER PITCHES

Porterville, July 12, 1907—Delbert Traeger pitched part of the morning game of baseball July 4th for the Los Angeles club of the Coast league. He went in after the game was hopelessly lost and consequently did not have an opportunity of showing up at his best. He may be given another opportunity and if he makes good, will have a steady berth in the league.

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FRATERNAL GROUPS ACTIVE 50 YEARS AGO

Porterville, April 28, 1899—It has come to be recognized that a community wherein fraternal societies thrive is sure to be a good place for a home. Porterville is therefore a proper place in which to live, for here such societies abound, with lodges as follows:

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Palm Leaf Chapter No. 114, O. E. S., organized 1892. Emma R. Lewis, matron; Rev. J. G. Eckles, W. P.; Mrs. Anna L. Beebe, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert, treasurer.

Porterville Lodge No. 359, I. O.O.F., organibed 1890. Hugh Templeton, N. G.; Judge E. W. Beebe, secretary; J. A. G. Smith, treasurer.

Porterville Encampment No. 89, organized 1893. R. Y. Lander, chief patriarch; Judge E. W. Beebe, scribe; J. H. James, treasurer.

Porterville Lodge No. 199, A. O.U.W. Oldest society in town. J. W. McCabe, M.; A. Traeger, secretary; A. M. Lumley, receiver.

Porterville Lodge No. 93, K of P. Organized early in the 80's. Charles Koontz, C.C.; George Avery, K. of R.; Webb Loyd, M. of E.

Orange Lodge No. 333, W.O.W., organized 1896. Jerome Avery, C. C.; Robert Pheemster, clerk; Fred Gibson, banker.

COMMISSIONER

Porterville, July 12, 1907—A. G. Schultz, of Porterville, was appointed Wednesday by the board of supervisors to succeed W. C. Talbot as horticultural commissioner. Will Talbot has resigned to attend to his interests in Nevada.

DOYLE COLONY

Porterville, July 12, 1907—J. J. Doyle reports that final transfer has been made to him of the Jacobs estate land at the old Indian Reservation, east of this city, and that within a few months he will have the land subdivided and put on the market for sale. The tract contains about 1,040 acres.

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EVANS TO LINDSAY

Porterville, July 12,1907—The Lindsay Gazette appeared last Friday for the first time under the guidance of its new proprietor, A. L. Evans. That Mr. Evans is a newspaper man is apparent, and we believe that the mantle worn so long by H. W. Dockham has fallen upon good shoulders.

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Pioneer Writes Of Indian Fight In Yosemite Valley

(The following story, by Edwin W. Houghton, was written at the request of Mrs. Pat Murry, mother of George Murry, and was obtained from the files of Anna L. Norris, Porterville. Mr. Houghton, who was born in Ireland and came to California in 1849, was, with James Savage, co-discoverer of Yosemite valley and reputed to know "every Indian trail from Mariposa to the Kern river." In his later years, Mr. Houghton lived a hermit-like life on the east bank of the Tule river in the vicinitty of the old clubhouse above springville and at his death, in 1900, left $750 in gold, some $6,000 worth of negotiable securities and land holdings valued at from $20,000 to $25,000. He was buried August 31, 1900, in the Porterville cemetery. At the time recounted in the following article, he was with the Mariposa Rangers, about 1851.)

By EDWIN W. HOUGHTON

In the early mining days of California, the Indians, having been driven into hostility to the whites by untold outrages and oppression, it became necessary for us, either to quit mining and leave the country, or else organize in defense of our lives and property. Of course, we chose the latter alternative.

In pursuance of this object, I joined a volunteer company of mounted rangers, under the command of the then celebrated Jim Savage; we were, I think, some 60 or 70 strong. It was during one of our scouting trips that we discovered the now world-renowned valley.

The most troublesome of the Indian tribes at that time were the Yosemites. On one of our trips we traced them into their stronghold and as it was mid-winter, about January, I think, and considerable snow on the ground, the Indians imagined themselves perfectly safe in the valley. When we reached their ranchirea or village, they were completely taken by surprise and cornered; they offered no resistance whatever.

We destroyed, with fire, their ranchirea, and a very large supply of hulled acorns, which were, I remember, stored very neatly in curious, vee-hive shaped bins. We thereby rendered their stay in the valley impossible, as starvation would have been inevitable. This cruel measure was imperative, as nothing short of absolute necessity would have forced them to leave.

We brought out about 300 of them. Of these, at least one-half were woman and children. All of us had a pretty rough time on this trip, but unavoidably, the poor Indians suffered the most; they were, toward the last, actually starving, although all the able-bodied squaws were heavily laden with acorns and as a last resource, they ate up every one of their dogs. An Indian village invariably swarms with these animals.

It was often pitiful to see the suffering of the papooses; and little children, as naked as when born, would crowd about our camp fires and fight like dogs over scraps of bacon and bread thrown to them.

For several days, after leaving the valley, we were in snow; travel, on account of children and old people, being necessarily slow.

On our way in, we had been obliged to leave our animals some 20 miles from the valley, under a small guard, as they were also in starving condition, and could not have made the trip even had trails permitted it. Consequently, we had to make ourselves pack-mules, each man shouldering his own "grub" and blankets. The grub had now gotten very short, not only with us but also at the horse camp.

Things, at last, became almost desperate and we concluded to leave all our little store of food with a few men who were to keep and guard the Indians if possible, while the rest of us made a bee-line, and as good as our starving horses would permit, for headquarters on the Fresno river, which we reached in a perfectly ravenous condition after a two-day fast.

In a few days we were not surprised to hear that the Indians had all broken back for the mountains the same night we left. It was, however, an agreeable surprise for us to learn that they had not attempted to murder the small guard left over them. We had looked on these brave fellows with a sort of forlorn hope and hardly expected to see them again.

This conclusively shows the white man's superiority, when at least 100 able-bodied Indians dared not attach the 10 men—I think it was about that number—who were completely at their mercy. But mercy, gratitute or humanity are feelings foreign to the Indian nature. They can only be controlled through their fears. To use a common frontier expression, "The dead Indian is the only reliable one."

The escape of these Indians made another trip into the valley necessary later on in the spring when the snow was gone. I made up one of this party also, and the weather being fine and the grass good, it proved to be a pleasant, pleasure excursion, quite a contrast to the other. We now saw this wonderful valley for the first time to advantage and could appreciate its sublime beauty, but as you will have the happiness of seeing this for yourself, it would be as useless as impossible for me to try to describe in mere words that which is indescribable.

As an Indian hunt, this expedition proved a complete failure. Some of the boys cornered five Indians among a lot of boulders on the day of our arrival in the valley; three of these escaped the next morning by outwitting the guard, who had released them from their bonds in order to see their skill in shooting arrows at pine cones.

Their proficiency in this was quite astonishing, they seldom missed the mark. At each shot, they cunningly increased the distance and finally forgot to return.

The fourth was shot while trying to escape. He had been tied with his hands behind him, to a sapling. One of the crowd, a mere boy in years, noticed him trying to untie himself. Without saying a word to anyone, he sauntered carelessly to a tree against which some guns were leaning, and quietly awaited results.

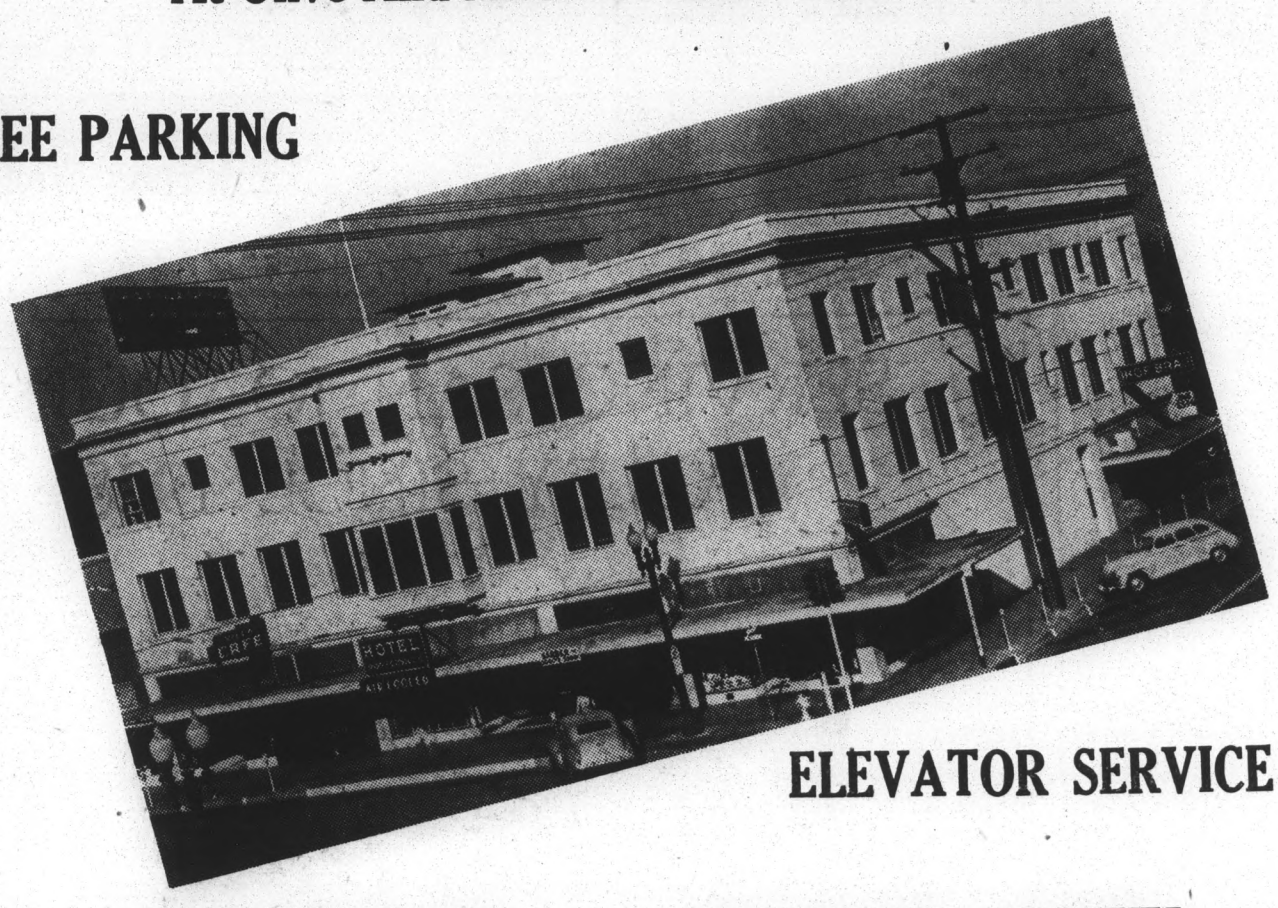
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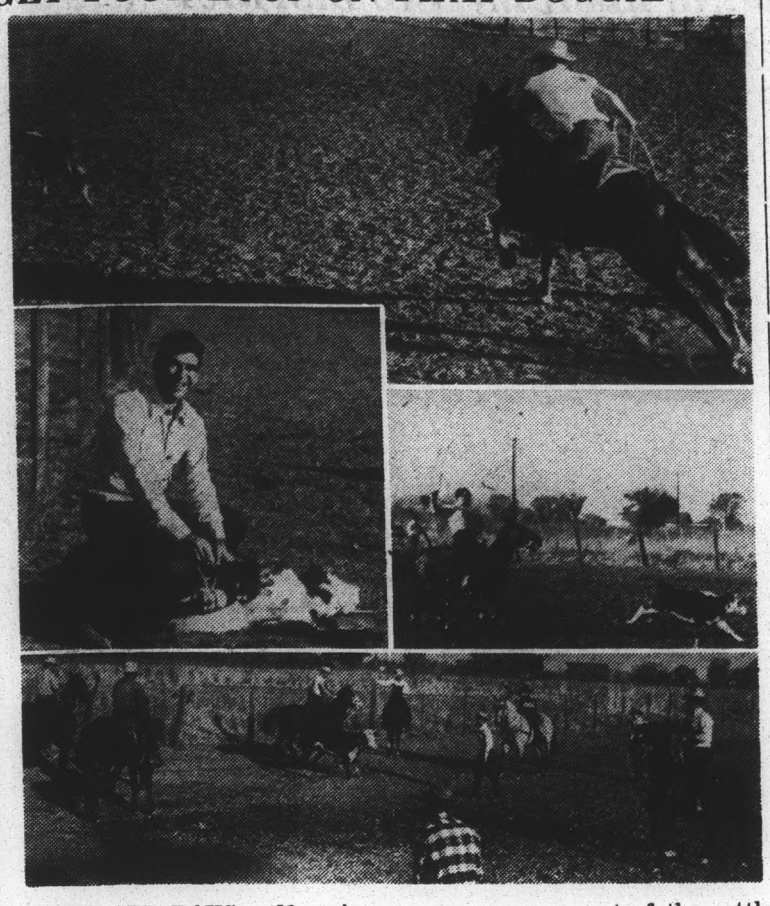
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IN THE OLD DAYS, calf roping was a necessary part of the cattle business, however, today, it has become recreation with many enthusiasts. Members of the Porterville Roping club have constructed an arena on Poplar avenue, have purchased their own roping stock and nearly every Sunday afternoon, some of the members can be seen practicing the old and modern art. Top picture above shows Harold Hoover going after a "live one;" left center, Uly Priftike makes his catch; right center, Bob Gurley is after one; lower, the boys have a little trouble getting loose from a "mean one", left to right, on horses, Jackie Ferraiz, Gil Martin, Cleo Fernside, O. E. Moorehead, Ed. Schmidt, and Gurley. (Farm Tirbune photos)

SERMON

Porterville, June 3, 1898—Sunday evening the Rev. J. A. Milligan preached a Memorial sermon in the Congregational church, which was prettily decorated with flags and flowers for the occasion. The volunteers and old veterans marched in a body to the church. The house was crowded and the Rev. Milligan's sermon was highly appreciated.

Farm Tribune Adds Get Results

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released himself, he, of course, made a break for freedom, but before he had run 40 yards, a bullet between his shoulders stayed his course forever. The force of his speed was so great, I remember distinctly, that his face plowed quite a deep rut, several feet long, in the sand where he fell.

This deliberate murder, for it was nothing else, was as unnecessary as it was unexpected and injured our cause with the Indians irreparably, the more so as he proved to be a chief's son.

The fifth and last our captain sent out to tell his countrymen that we were friends and had come with peaceful intent, but in view of the fact that we had destroyed their winter's store of food, burned their village and shot down one of their chief men, it cannot create surprise that the Indians refused to accept the olive branch of peace presented under such suspicious circumstances.

I will conclude this crude production by relating an experience of my own with this dead Indian.

After being shot, the body was dragged some distance from camp and covered with brush, as we had no means of burying it. I knew I would be called for guard duty that night, so, boylike, imagined is would be nice to have an Indian scalp as an ornament for my shot pouch. Without saying a word of my intention, I sharpened my hunting knife and went fully prepared and determined, when called for guard, to have that Indian's hair.

After passing and repassing the pile of brush under which the body lay, I finally succeeded in getting up sufficient courage to pull off the brush covering, but the horribly glaring look of the dead man's face, distorted and disfigured by the agonies of death, gave me, as the women say, "a turn."

I did manage, however, to catch his hand in order to pull him into a more convenient position, however, the icy touch of that dead flesh and the knowledge that I was about to commit an adominable discretion of the dead, was more than I could endure.

I dropped the hand as if it had been a red-hot iron and left the spot in a hurry. I would not even return to replace the brush and was very glad when my relief came along and gave me a chance to leave the hateful place.

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Two-Pound Trout Taken In Tule

Porterville, April 28, 1899—To the lover of sport, there is no country that can offer inducements superior to those that can be advanced in the mountains back of Porterville; all kinds of fish and game bound.

In 1892 there was organized the "Tule River Fishing and Shooting Association," and through the instrumentality of this club, Tule river has been stocked with several varieties of trout, which, in addition to the native fish, makes it a choice place to while away hot summer days with hook and line. Fish up to two pounds have been caught, and an average may be put at a quarter to one-half pound each.

The clubhouse for the association is 24 x 36, of two stories and is erected on a mesa commanding a charming view of the river and the summits of the main Sierras 20 miles to the eastward. (The club was located between what is now Springville and Coffee Camp.)

John Sinclair, president of the club says: "Of the game and fish in this grand country, it is hard to write without subjecting ones self to the suspicion of exaggreation. I have never elsewhere found such fishing as on Kern river and branches. On one occasion, two rods landed 65 pounds of Rainbow trout in a short afternoon, some of them weighing three and four pounds, none less than a half pound. The merest tyro can hardly fail to fill his basket.

"Although the acknowledged monarch of the forest, the Grizzley —is rarely seen in these mountains, his congeners, the Cinnamon and Black varieties are very numerous. Black-Tailed and Mule deer, Mountain sheep on the high ranges, lions, wolves and other animals abound. Quail of both varieties, grouse of several kinds and pigeons are numerous, as well as gray and pine squirrels and other small game.

"On the plains country, curfew and several varieties of plover are found, and further west, in Artesia and near Tulare lake, where the rivers of the whole country converge making a swampy and overflowed land, are ducks of all varities, wild geese, sandhill cranes, English and Wilson snipe, plover, avocets and many other varities of waders."

Sportsmen Work Preserves Game

Porterville, November 2, 1950—Active outdoor organization in the southeastern Tulare county area today is the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association, headed by Harry J. Johnson of Porterville and including a membership of some 2,000 persons.

Whereas problem in the "old days" was merely to get the fish and game, today's problem is to make game, today's problem is to to protect the natural habitat of game animals, birds and fish.

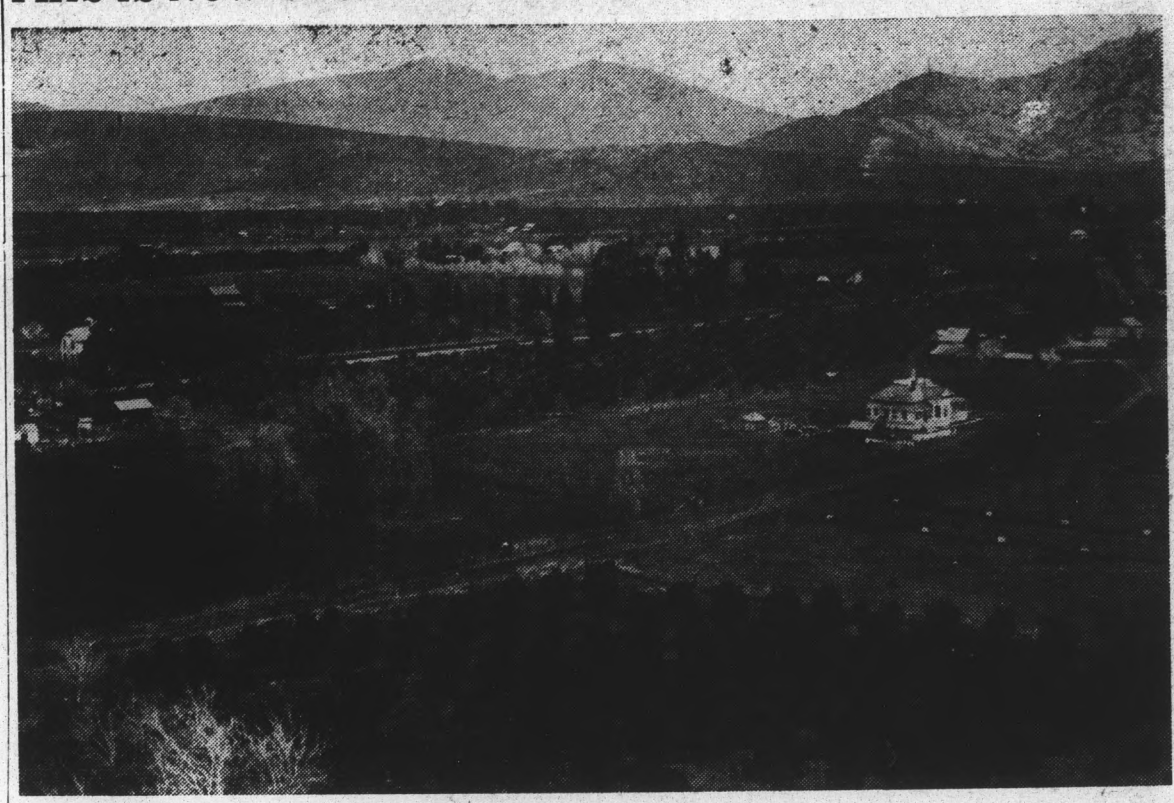
Members of the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association, formerly the Porterville Fish and Game association, have spent thousands of dollars and many thousands of man-hours in this type of work—planting fish and game birds, cooperating in matters of a legislative nature, working with local, state and federal agencies to protect the wild life of the valley and mountain areas adjacent to Porterville.

Had it not been for the activities of this organization, the Tule river would have been fished out long ago; quail might be an almost extinct bird in this district; and the pheasant hunting that is seasonally available to sportsmen probably would not exist.

And through cooperation with other agencies, the sportsmen's association has had a part in preserving the ducks and geese, that were so plentiful in Tulare county 50 years ago, but which, only a few years back were faced with extinction.

A new interest of these organized sportsmen is the planting of warm water fish in the lower river levels and in reservoirs to provide year-around sport and take the pressure off trout to some extent. One of the important recent programs of the association was the cleaning out of the Murry pak pond and restocking of the pond with warm game fish for the benefit of junior anglers.

THIS IS NOW BECOMING RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT



OLD SARTHOU home, now owned by Chester Griswold, is the main building right center, as seen from the city water tower about 1907. Much of the area of orchard and farming land is now built up in homes, or is being built up, and city streets now criss-cross the field area in the center of the picture.

Produce Shipped

Porterville, March 11, 1892—The total amount of produce shipments from Porterville by Wells Fargo & Co. during the months of November, December, January and February amounted to 80,417 pounds, divided up as follows: dressed poultry, 66,875; eggs, 8,697; fruit, 2,267 and game, 2,578.

NEW RESIDENTS

Porterville, March 11, 1892—J. Wymore and family arrived yesterday evening from Barton County, Missouri, and will make Porterville their future home. Mr. Wymore is a son-in-law of C. Bonine, who is purchasing land here.

REDFIELD TO FRESNO

Porterville, March 11, 1892—L. J. Redfield went to Fresno, yesterday, to join the festivities of the encampment of the Grand Army.

BOARD HEAD

Porterville, Dec. 15, 1949—Herman Matzke, Porterville, has been reelected president of the Board of directors of the Tulare County YMCA.

WAR

Porterville, July 12, 1907—If we don't have a war wih Japan, it will not be because of lack of willingness on either side.

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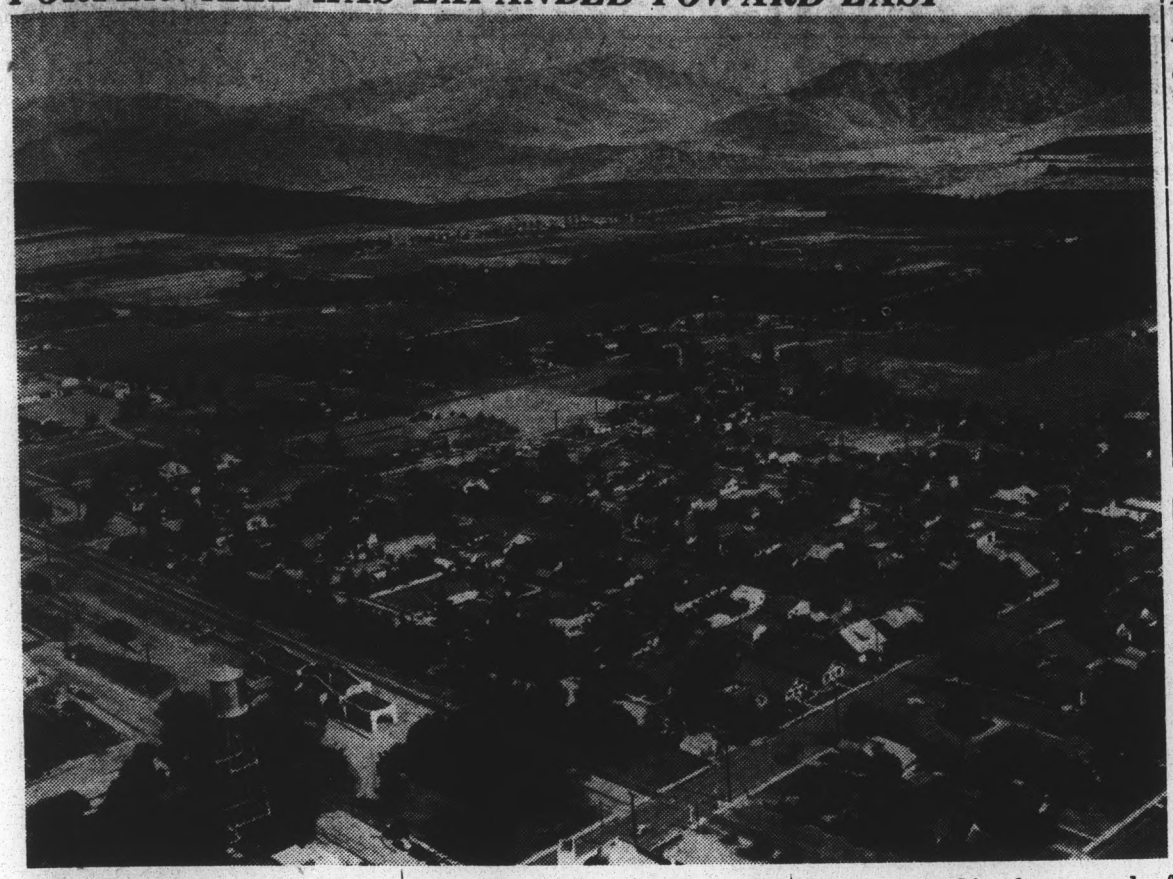
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FROM ABOVE the city water tower, Porterville looked like this in October of 1950. Putnam avenue crosses the lower right hand corner of the picture; and the Santa Fe station is at the lower left; Roche avenue school is near the center of the picture and on the extreme left center are buildings of the United States Forest service. Slightly above center, at Morton and Gravilla, is the residence and Arabian horse ranch of Donald Jones and the old Norris home can be seen at the edge of the orange groves near the right top. (Farm Tribune-Vossler Flying Service photo)

New Library Planned

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—When pioneers and Gold Star parents gather at seats from which to view the 1950 Veterans' Homecoming parade in Porterville November 11, they will note that the old Porterville library, something of a landmark in the community, exists no more.

The building was torn down during the summer to make way for a new, modern building. However, the city has only $55,000 in its library building fund while architect plans call for considerably more of an expenditure than that amount.

While waiting for building costs to come down, or additional funds to accumulate, the library is being housed in the basement of the city hall.

Road, Bridge Work Expected

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—Two major improvements in Porterville roads can be anticipated in the months ahead — construction of a new bridge across Tule river at the old Plano crossing and construction of a new 65 highway 1,350 feet west of Indiana street.

The bridge project, according to County Road Commissioner Wayne Switzer, will be started next spring; plans for start of work on the new 65 are indefinite, although the state of California is expected to be ready to buy some rights-of-way for the limited access highway in the near future.

Eventually, highway 65 will be improved and realigned from Ducor to Woodlake and on into the national park areas. The Porterville section, between Tea Pot Dome and Zante is expected to be the first section improved.

NEW PLANT

PORTERVILLE, Jan. 5, 1950—The Coca Cola Bottling company of Fresno, now has a new warehouse building well underway on West Putnam at Maston street. The building will represent an investment of about $35,000.

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SOCIAL TIMES AT POPLAR RECALLED

Many pleasant social gatherings in the old Poplar store, postoffice and lodge building are recalled by Mrs. Mattie L. Carpenter, of Porterville, who came to this area in 1888.

The old building, still standing at the Poplar highway intersection in Poplar, was the first in the present community of Poplar and, when it was constructed in the 1890's, housed a cooperative store.

Prior to being moved into this building, the Poplar postoffice was located in the home of the A. B. Carpenter family, who came to the district about 1877. Mrs. Mattie Carpenter states that the area got its name from a row of Poplar trees planted in front of the old Carpenter house about a mile and one-half east of the present town of Poplar.

Later, the postoffice was moved to the G. B. Moore home, then into the old Ferguson store before going to the then new building.

Mrs. Carpenter recalls that the Modern Woodmen met in the upstairs section of the building and she states that the boarded-off room shown in the accompanying picture was used for lodge candidates waiting to "ride the goat" in the initiation ceremony.

STATE HOSPITAL UNDER CONSTRUCTION NEAR PLANO



GROUND WAS broken November 30, 1949, for a state hospital for epileptics on former Mentz property east of Plano, with the above aerial photo showing location and layout of the new institution, on which work is now progressing rapidly. Initial plans called for a 1,000-bed unit at a cost of some $7,000,000, however, indications are that the hospital will eventually be of 2,500 bed capacity and cost may run over $12,000,000.

GOLD

Porterville, Jan. 4, 1890—Henry Fields has discovered a gold mine south of the M. Brooks place in Yokohl valley. It shows a ledge 300 feet wide, but its value is unknown, it not having been assayed yet.

VOSSLER INSTALLED

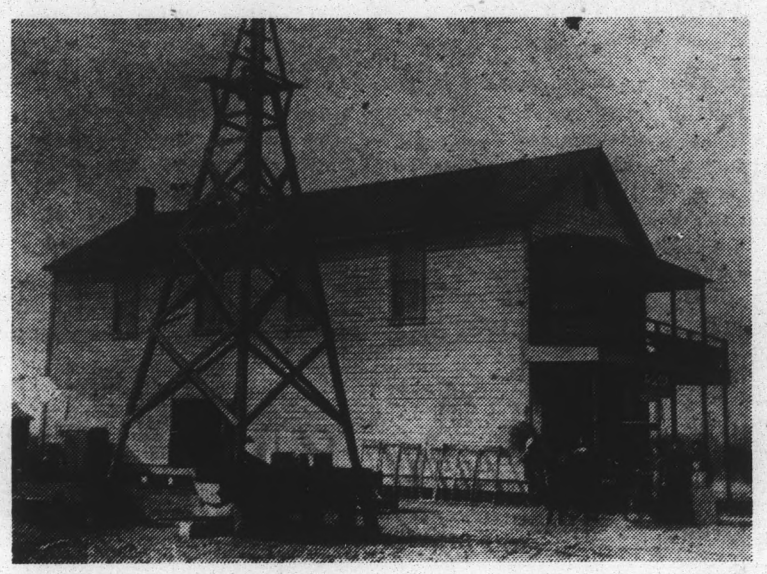
Porterville, Dec. 15, 1950—Leland Vossler was installed last night as president of the Porterville Unit of the California Young Farmers.

REELECTED

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 6, 1950—F. R. Farnsworth and Ralph Jones have been reelected as president and secretary, respectively, of the Tulare County Cattlemen's association.

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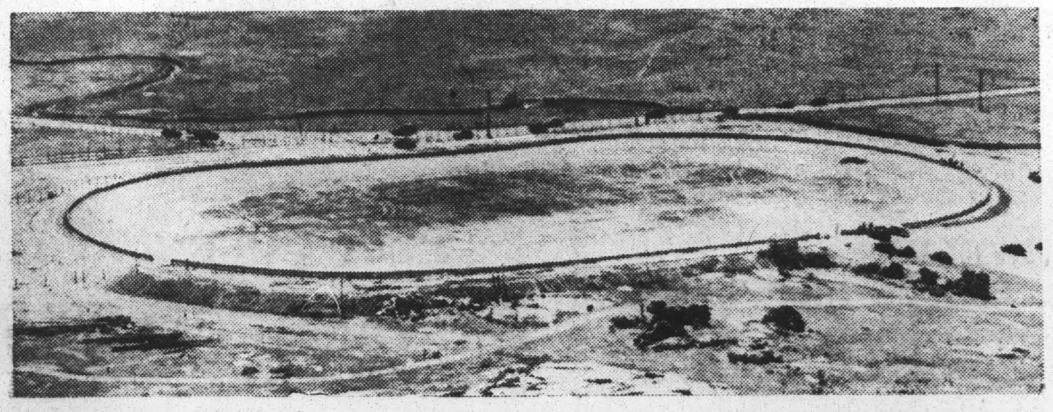
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REV. JOHN McKELVEY WAS FIRST PROTESTANT MINISTER IN DISTRICT THAT WAS TO BECOME PORTERVILLE

By Ina H. Stiner

The earliest Protestant minister on record in the Tule River section of Tulare county was Rev. John Karnehan McKelvey. He had come to Downieville, California, in 1852 and became a traveling preacher. He was five-foot-ten, blond, and blue-eyed. He was born in 1830 in County Antrim, near Belfast, Ireland, and received a good education in Pennsylvania. In 1857 he joined the California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And in joining the Methodists he practically remained a traveling preacher, because it was the policy of the council of presiding elders with the acting bishop at the annual Methodist conference never to appoint a minister to the same place more than two years in succession, preferably only one year.

In 1857 Rev. McKelvey married, in Visalia, Miss Ada Bingham (1839-1923); so he was probably "stationed" at Visalia at that time. The Methodist church building in Visalia was erected in 1858-59 during his pastorate. His circuit out from Visalia during 1860-61 and 1862-63 included Tule river and either then or later Mussel Slough and Hanford; in both places he established a Methodist church.

At Tule River his first services were held under an oak tree at the David Campbell home in what became Plano. In 1873 he was sent back to Visalia, and in 1875 to Hanford. In 1874 and 1879 he was appointed to the Tule River station then called Plano; in the latter year Porterville (being a growing town with possibilities) was put on his circuit and steps were taken to organize the Methodists on the north side of the Tule river. (In 1889 Porterville Methodists built a church and became the center "circuit.")

The following churches were also served by Rev. John McKelvey during the years from 1861 to 1872: Chinese Camp, Mariposa, Stockton, Eel River, and Ukiah. That is a sample of the way of life of a pioneer preacher; nevertheless his youngest son, Addison, is able to recall pleasant memories of his father's career. When Southern California was constituted as a separate conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, in 1876, Rev. John McKelvey was one of the 19 charter members. Tulare county was included in that conference until recently; but after 1880 Rev. McKelvey lived and preached mostly south of the Tehachipi, and died in North Long Beach in 1897.

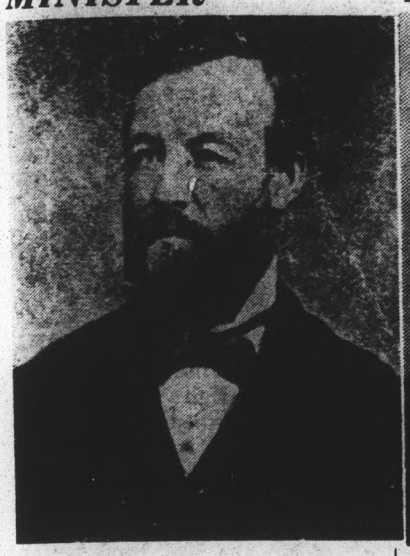
Rev. McKelvey had other connections with this community besides being the first preacher assigned to its spiritual welfare. During his early location at Visalia his sister, Mary McKelvey, came from the East. She married John Tyler and came to live near the Indian Reservation at what is now Alta Vista and is the ancester of the Tylers living in Porterville; she was a capable woman, wrote for newspapers and journals, and was active in women's work.

Then his father and mother, George and Mary McKelvey, and part of their family came to live at Vandalia and kept a hotel just beyond the Tule river crossing. His brother, George, set up a harness shop; he later became the postmaster of Tule Post Office and was transferred to Porterville as its first postmaster in 1871.

A brother, Chris, married Nellie Carothers; a sister, Eliza, (called Vic) was the first wife of Andrew S. Mapes; a niece, Hope Broughton, married Mart Click; and her sister, Mattie, married Willis Thomson.

Thus Rev. McKelcey's relatives became a definite part of the Porterville vicinity. Some very oldtimers went to school to him when he preached here. In this century his son, J. Addison McKelvey, came back with his family and lived in Porterville for several years. He now lives at Mt. View; and Rev. McKelvey's other living child, Hugh Webster McKelvey, lives at Palmdale.

MINISTER



THE REV. John K. McKelvey, whose "circuit" included the Tule River station later Plano, and the early Porterville community, when steps were taken to organize the Methodists on the "north side of the river."

MINISTER TODAY



CARRYING ON work started many years ago by the Rev. McKelvey, is the Rev. J. E. Robinson, minister of the First Methodist church in Porterville and head of the Porterville Ministerial association.

DIFFERENT NOW



THIS MODERN Methodist church in Porterville is in considerable contrast with churches of the old days.

SUPERVISOR



RODGERS L. MOORE of Porterville, who is serving his second year as supervisor for the second district that covers the communities of Porterville, Strathmore and Lindsay.

Hogs Shipped To Phillippines

PORTERVILLE, March 16, 1950 —Attesting to the high quality of hogs raised in the Porterville community, a shipment of 50 head of fall Poland China gilts and boars is now being prepared for sale to the Philippean island government for use in that government's livestock rehabilitation program.

The hogs will go from the Porterville herds of Barnswich ranch, Monache farm and The Farm Tribune. The shipment is the third such lot that has gone from the Porterville community.

COMMITTEE HEAD

STRATHMORE, March 16, 1950 —Ralph Terry has been named chairman of a steering committee to work out details for formation of a Certified Seed Growers' association in Tulare county.

Celebrate November 11, In Porterville With The Oldtimers

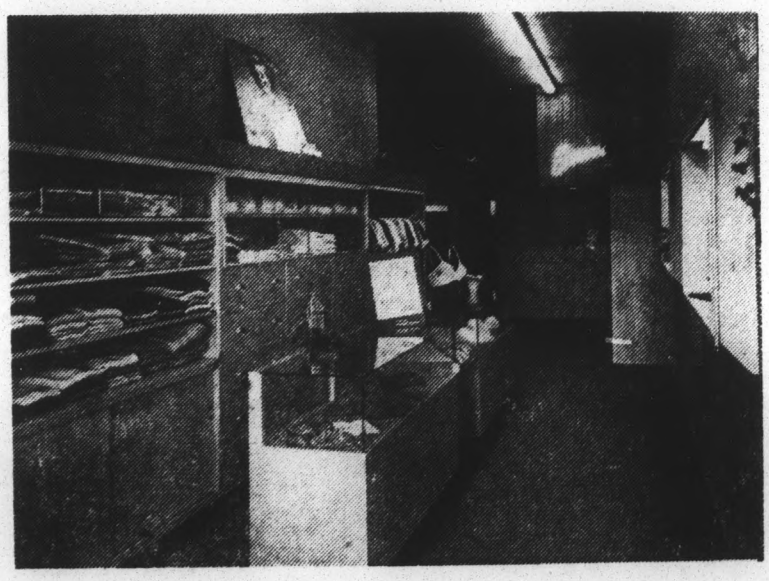
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Centennial Markers Will Be Placed At Old Stage Stop

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Visalia was a main stop.

Toward the north, stages passed through the "little settlement of Fresno City," Firebaugh's ferry, through Pacheco pass to Gilroy and eventually San Francisco.

Waterman L. Ormsby, a special correspondent for the New York Herald who was a passenger on the trip described the stage coaches as sturdy, with the body resting on thorough-braces.

The three seats could be let down to form one bed, accomodating from three to 10 people. Travel continued day and night, with brief stops to change the four-horse teams and for meals. Drivers were changed every two or three hundred miles.

It took some time to get accustomed to the bumping and jolting over the rough roads, the rocks and the log bridges, but, as Ormsby wrote, by the end of the third day, he was "quite oblivious" to the discomfort of stage-coach travel.

According to Ormsby, Visalia, a little town of 500 inhabitants, was the largest on the inland route between Los Angeles and Gilroy. At Visalia, the excited townspeople were on hand to greet the arrival of the first westbound overland stage as it swung into the station at exactly 11 o'clock on the night of October 8.

Over a foaming glass of lager, the correspondent enjoyed a chat with several fellow New Yorkers who had settled in the vicinity, then, precisely at 11:50 that same night, the mail coach was on its way again.

More than any other institution, the Butterfield Overland Mail contributed to development and expansion of the great Southwest. Today, the best all-year route for automobile travel between St. Louis and San Francisco approximates the line of the old stage route

route. (Information courtesy California Highways and Public Works.)

AIR TRAVEL FOR CHICKS



BABY CHICKS travel the modern way when they are shipped from the Kimber Poultry Breeding farm at Niles and are handled by R. W. Lane, owner of California Aviation, at San Jose. Shown above is a shipment of 2,000 White Leghorns that was received last January by T. W. Niethammer, Porterville poultrymen, at the modern Porterville municipal airport. Left to right are Mr. Lane, Cecil Cook, former airport manager, William Buxton, pilot and Mr. Neithammer. In front, holding baby chicks, are Mary Hutchinson and Ann Hutchinson, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Hack Hutchinson and grandaughters of Mr. Neithammer.

Varied Problems Face Porterville In Years To Come

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—Although Porterville is rapidly meeting problems faced by a growing city, a number of improvements can be expected in the future.

Probably the No. 1 item on the improvement list is a better sewage disposal plant, the present plant now operating at about 35 per cent over its rated capacity. Since voters a few months ago, turned down a $500,000 bond issue to improve the sewage disposal system, city officials have continued to work on improvement plans that may be acceptable to the voters in the future.

Widening of two main streets, Gravilla and Morton, are in the offing. with considerable controversy arising last summer over plans to widen Morton.

The Gravilla street improvement takes on added importance in that a new bridge will be constructed across Tule river next spring at the extension of Gravilla, making this street one of the main approaches to the new state hospital that is under construction east of Plano.

Other problems include the eventual replacing of old water and sewage lines; the providing of storm drains; realignment of several streets; the covering of irrigation ditches that run through the city; possibly improved street lighting; better water storage reservoirs and increased recreational and park facilities.

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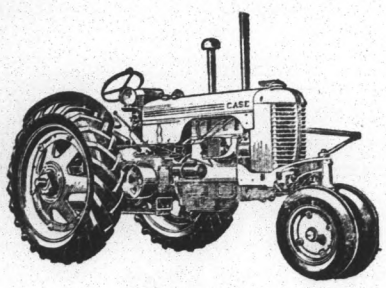
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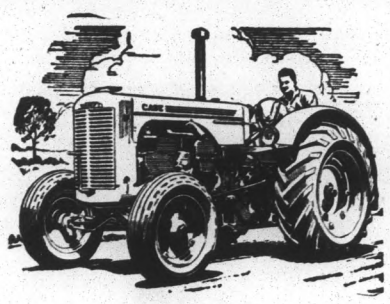
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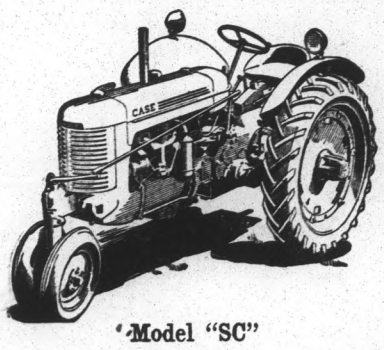
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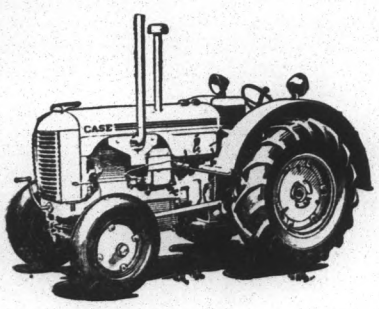


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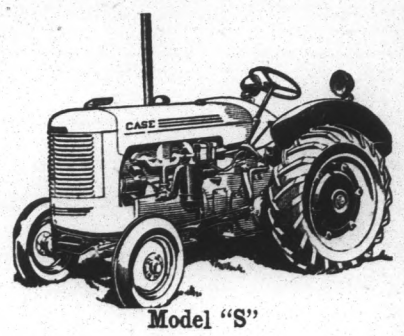


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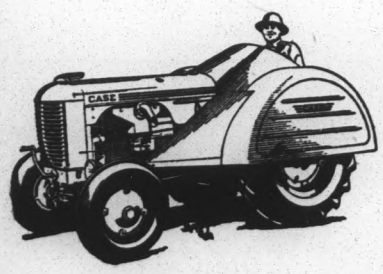


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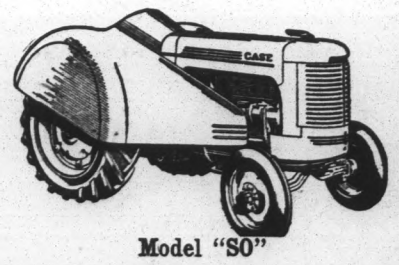


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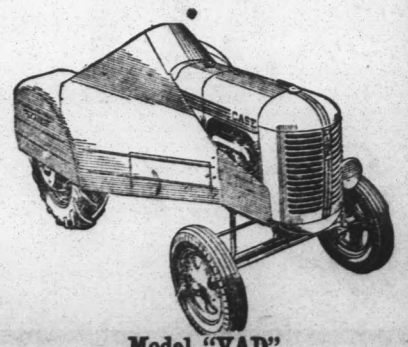
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PORTERVILLE'S CITY COUNCILMEN—NOW AND THEN



Jamison



Loyd



Matzke



Jones



Reed



Ackerman



Higgins



Abbey



Larson

PRESENT COUNCILMEN in the city of Porterville, shown at top, left to right, are Max K. Jamison, Dr. John Loyd, Herman Matzke, Marcus Jones and Earl L. Reed, the latter mayor. Members of the first city council, elected when Porterville was incorporated in 1902, were, left to right; Fred Ackerman, Dr. O. C. Higgins, A. A. Abbey, and John N. Larson. Also a council member and first mayor of Porterville was Wilco Mentz, whose picture and story appear on Page 1. The first city council was composed of business and professional men, interested in development of the city, just as is the present city council.

Pioneer Civic Leaders Slected To First City Council

A. A. ABBEY

By Ina H. Stiner

Arthur Abel Abbey, who was elected in 1902 as one of the first councilmen or trustees of Porterville, was born in Ohio in 1842, and died in Porterville in 1911. He was a small man, light in complexion. From his New England ancesters—the Abbeys—the Sardis and Origen Wilcox families are also descended; and like most persons with old New

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FRED ACKERMAN

By Ina H. Stiner

Fred Ackerman, who was elected one of Porterville's first councilmen (or trustees), came to Porterville about 1888, before the

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DR. O. C. HIGGINS

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Dr. Orient C. Higgins, member of Porterville's first City Council or Board of Trustees, and re-elect-

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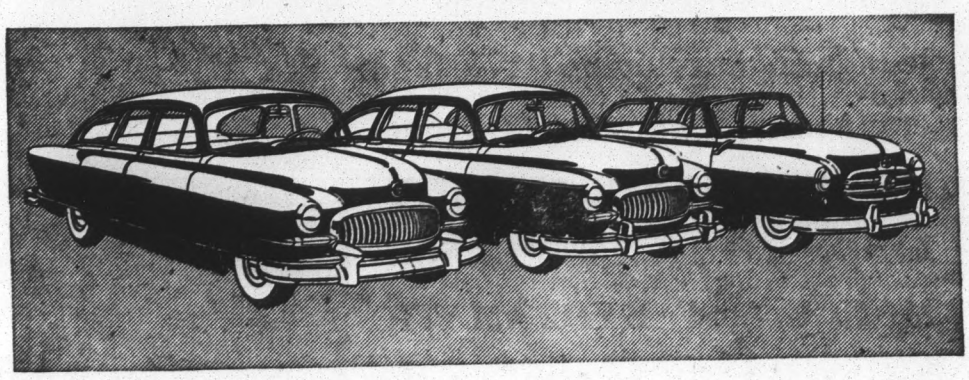
J. N. LARSON

By Ina H. Stiner

John N. Larson, a member of Porterville's first Board of Trustees, or City Council, showed such financial ability on the streets committee that he was made chairman of the finance committee during his second term. He was also one of the incorporators and first directors of the First National Bank of Porterville. He was a very tall, thin man with auburn hair; he always wore a

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FRED ACKERMAN

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Southern Pacific railway trains arrived. A native of Baden, Germany, he had been in the United States since 1874. He bought lots from Porter Putnam north of the present Ackerman Properties building and set up a barber shop.

There were 17 saloons in the village—and shooting affairs occurred every Saturday night. One night as he left his place he was marched home with a drunken man's gun at his back. Yet he thought Porterville not so bad compared with Bozeman, Montana, the mining town where he had been. In 1890 he opened a bakery and restaurant; the sign is to be seen in one early picture of the west side of Main street north of Black's Alley (Oak street). For some years he was the owner of the Putnam store building in that block, having bought it from the San Francisco firm that had gotten it from Porter Putnam's sons. He sold it to T. L. Price. It was one of his characteristics that he did not consider the accumulation of property a desirable manner of life.

DR. O. C. HIGGINS

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ed later, came to Porterville in 1882. The photograph of him was taken about that time. He was on hand to take care of the physical welfare of the citizens when Porterville, in 1887-9, began her years of growth.

Mr. Ackerman was born on November 15, 1857. About ten years before his death in 1931, he suffered a permanent injury when the automobile in which he was riding collided with a railroad train. In 1897 he had married Katherine Sturm, who, like him, was interested in Christian and temperance work, and who survived until this year. The photograph of him was taken about the time of their marriage.

Her uncle, John Sturm, and brother, Chris, planted the present Perkins groves, in the 90's. Chris Sturm had bought the lots where the Ackerman home stands at the southeast corner of Thurman and Hockett streets, and planted the fig trees there. The Ackerman children are Martha Martin of Honolulu, Rebecca Blackburn of Beverly Hills, and Paul Ackerman of Porterville.

His wife, Grace Perry Higgins, to whom he was married in 1881, immediately became active in cultural and educational welfare; she had been a teacher in San Francisco, and was the first woman to serve on the Porterville High School Board of Trustees (1916-19), and was also the first president of the Women's Club, then called the Porterville Improvement Club.

Dr. Higgins was born November 27, 1856 in Ellsworth. Coming to San Francisco at an early age, he earned money by working in the shipyards and on the police force to put himself through medical college. Shortly after graduation he came to Porterville to practice. Their children growing up in Porterville were: Robert, Eloise (Mrs. E. W. Bishop), and Hattie (Mrs. Walter Underwood.)

Dr. Higgins was one of the charter members of the Knights of Pythias, Lodge No. 93, which, organized in 1884, was probably the first lodge in Porterville to continue its existence until the present time. For the first ten years the Higgins family lived in a house west of Division street and south of what is now Oak street, where there was a hall for public meeting above their apartment.

Then Dr. Higgins built the house at 108 C St., where he owned the whole block. His stable and corrals where he kept his driving horses were near what was then the south end of Main street—his block extending to Hockett street. Even more than one change of team was necessary in this day for doctors who might at any time be summoned out of town.

As there were no hospitals, it was the doctor who must go to the patient. It is a curious comment on our times that the easier traveling becomes the less men go out from their offices to serve the people's welfare. Death came to Dr. Higgins on March 17, 1932 and to his wife on March 8, 1941.

POSTOFFICE

EAST PORTERVILLE, Oct. 1, 1950 — Further progress of the Doyle Colony area was marked today by the establishing of the East Porterville branch of the Porterville postoffice in Wall's Cut Rate drug store.

Ralph Tyrrell Heads Exchange

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 10, 1950—Ralph R. Tyrrell, Terra Bella citrus growers, was reelected president of the board of directors of the Tulare County Fruit Exchange at an annual business meeting of the board held at the Porterville Exchange office today.

Other officers are: William M. Baird, vice president; W. V. Baird, treasurer, and Stanley Trueblood, secretary and manager. Slated to speak at the annual dinner for Exchange packing house directors tonight are: Harvey Lynn, president of the California Fruit Growers Exchange; P. E. Simpson, general manager of the Fruit Growers' Supply company and F. R. Wilcox, assistant manager of the California Fruit Growers Exchange.

WIND ENGINES

PIXLEY, Feb. 24, 1888—One of the noticeable changes that have taken place within the last few months on the plains is the number of wind engines that are being put up east of the railroad tracks to supply water for families.

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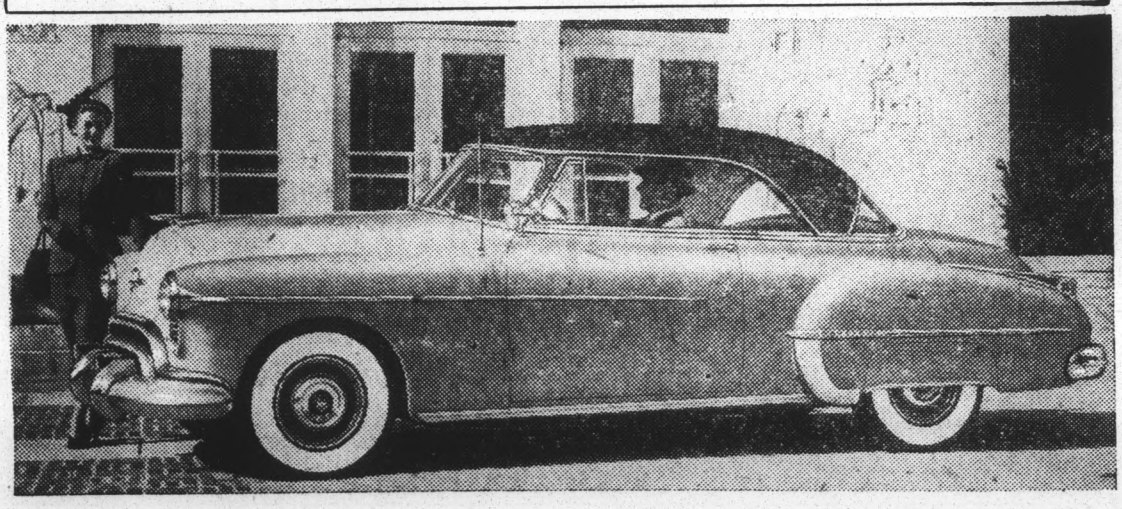
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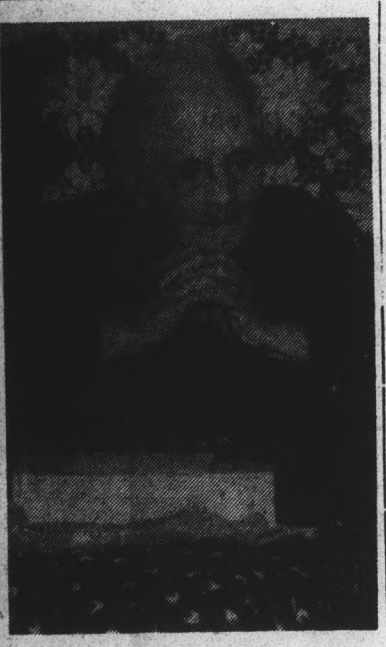
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Mattie Rose Clarke Recalls Life In Porterville As It Was More Than Seventy Years Ago

By Ina H. Stiner

One woman who saw the beginning of Porterville is still living! Mattie Rose was born May 15, 1857 at San Juan, came to this vicinity 91 years ago, and married Robert Clarke in 1873. Her younger sister, Jennie Rose, married John Howell. These two excellent cooks were often associated together in successful restaurant business, as they were in 1890 in the "Central Hotel" in the middle of the block between the Baker Store and Porter Putnam's first building—so said someone who liked good food. (One of their relatives of the third generation tells enthusiastically of the cold-meat sandwiches. Aunt Mattie made.) The Clarks had kept this place earlier when it was called the "Fig Tree Hotel." They later had the Arlington and the Calderwood.



MATTIE ROSE CLARKE, 91, who has vivid memories of the early days of Vandalia, Plano and Porterville, and who with her younger sister, Jennie, was famous for her excellent cooking.

Chas. A. Rose, the father of Mattie and Jennie, brought his family to this vicinity in 1859. The flood of 1862 washed over his land, so he made a home on higher ground south of the river and west of the present highway. Having been a printer in St. Louis, he especially wanted his children to have an education; there were also a son George and some younger children, of whom Henry and Hattie grew up. Therefore he helped build a schoolhouse south of the river near the stage road.

But at one time he thought that Lewis Beardsley, the teacher, was biased against the Democrats, and sent Mattie to stay with friends near the Rockford school. In 1868 she lived in the home of Mrs. Dr. Henrahan in Porterville and went to R. P. Merrill's school in the "Warehouse building."

Mrs. Mattie Clarke's vivid memories of early Porterville, Vandalia, and Plano have been very helpful to collectors of local history. The year 1864 when Mattie Rose started to school in this first "Tule River School District" was the same year in which Porter Putnam was laying out a town around his stage station and store. As you look around Porterville now, consider that one who actually saw Porterville's beginning is still living!

Thus she described the first school of this school district: It was "an oak-clapboard school; the bell was a willow switch rapped on the wall; my seat was a cottonwood log levelled, with legs stuck in it; the recitation bench with a back to it was quite comfortable."

Also she said: "We did our shopping in Visalia. Went thirty miles when we wanted a cup of coffee. There was very little work done on the road before 1875, and it went up and down over the hog-wallows. The thorough-brace stages rocked like a bucking horse; the drivers drove four horses and changed horses twice between Tule River and Visalia." Mrs. Clarke's observations of the pioneers she knew were shrewd and appreciative; but she was careful that no comment of hers would cast reflection upon anyone's character.

Robert Clarke whom she married, was the son of Mary Graves, one of the survivors of the "Donner Party" that was marooned in the Sierras in 1846. (Others of Mary Graves Clarke's descendants are the Bequettes of Visalia and Mrs. Valerie Sharpe of Santa Paula.) Robert's father, James Thos. Clarke, came to Tulare county in the later 50's and was a butcher and cattleman, and later a sheepman.

The Robert Clarks spent the first years of their marriage in the White River district where the Clarke herds were pastured. Then when the diphtheria epidemic raged they returned to Porterville. So most of Mrs. Clarke's long life has been spent here. Her daughter, Mrs. Grace Needham, is now deceased: and she is just now living with the daughter, Mrs. Eva Cochnower in Glendale.

Her son, George, died 20 years ago and his daughter, Doris Easley, two years later. She took care of the three Easley children and has often made her home with her great-granddaughter, Barbara Easley Walker. We would have been honored to have had present for this Homecoming this native daughter whose long life has been contemporaneous with the development of our town.

25-Miles An Hour Brings Arrest

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 31, 1908 —Norman Sinclair was arrested last evening for exceeding the speed limit in his automobile. Marshal Witt made the arrest and both he and City Trustee John Hazen, who was present at the time, contend that Sinclair drove up Putnam avenue at an estimated speed of twenty-five miles an hour.

Sinclair claimed that he was going no faster than 14 or 15 miles an hour, and when Marshall Witt informed him that the speed limit is 10 miles, he still insisted on an immediate discharge, claiming that City Attorney George G. Murry had told him the limit was 15 miles.

Mr. Sinclair also claimed that there is a state law which requires that two men shall time an automobile with their watches to convict the owner of violation. Marshal Witt said this may be true, but that Sinclair admitted that he was going faster than 10 miles an hour and the fact that he was misinformed as to the speed law mare no difference, as ignorance of the law is no excuse.

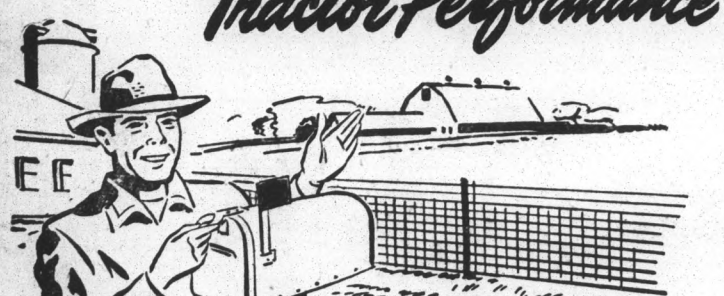
SPEAKER

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Tulare County Fulfills Pioneers' Dream As Agricultural Income Hits $178 Million

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—Tulare county has fulfilled even the most expansive dreams of the pioneers of 50 years ago in its development into a great agricultural empire, with agricultural value of the county in 1949 placed at $178,880,506 by Oscar L. Hemphill, agricultural commissioner. Field crops topped the list of agricultural money-makers with a value of $51,920,441.

Livestock was worth $36,362,001 and other crop valuations showed: Deciduous and grapes, $35,580,822; citrus, $16,857,675; truck crops, $14,938,203; dairy products, $13,722,972; poultry, $7,608,023; miscellaneous, $1,346,258; subsidy payments, $457,544, and agriculture, $87,557.

Concerning acreages, Mr. Hemphill reports that six types of citrus crops totaled 38,642 acres; 37,487 bearing, 1,155 non-bearing; deciduous and grapes, with 21 types of crops, totaled 109,144 acres, 98,162 bearing and 11,282 non-bearing.

Truck crops, with 28 different products represented, had a total acreage of 21,669, and field crops, with 11 types, accounted for 356,369 acres.

Six hundred twenty tons of honey and 18,660 pounds of beeswax were produced in the county; 26,000 tons of barnyard fertilizer was sold commercially; 24,000 pounds of castor bean seed was produced and 89 tons of sunflower seed.

Poultry figures show: Chickens, 1,486,937 head; baby chicks, 411,600 head; eggs, 5,916,220 dozen; turkeys, 4,350,835 pounds; poults, 321,000 head and turkey eggs, 1,114,100 eggs.

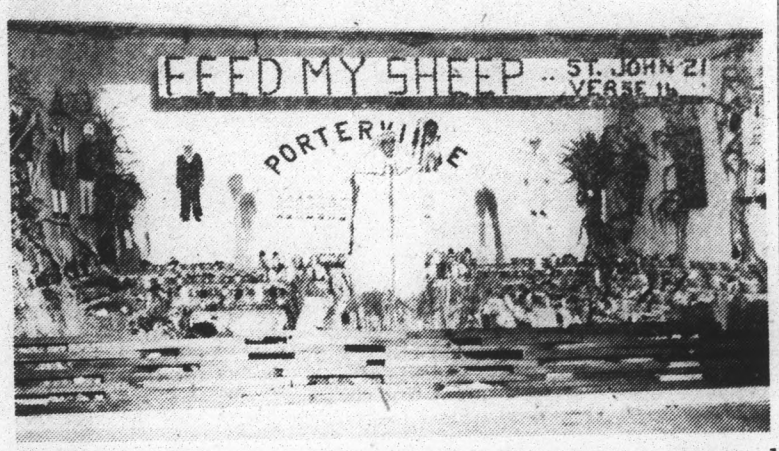
Field crop breakdown shows: Alfalfa hay, 677,184 tons: grain hay, 4,800 tons; milo, 3,730 tons; oats, 160 tons; wheat, 13,704 tons; barley, 10,569 tons; sugar beets, 9,900 tons; cotton lint, 212,760 bales and cotton seed, 82,783 tons. Irrigated pasture was valued at $4,160,875.

In the miscellaneous classification, glazed and processed fruits were valued at $630,000, nursery stock at $374,198 and ornamentals and cut flowers, $280,745.

In explaining his figures, Mr. Hemphill states, "Insofar as possible, the acreage represents 'net planted' and the values of all crops are f.o.b basis — not what the farmer received. It is intended that all returns shall mean income to Tulare county and thus include the cost of picking, hauling, packing and otherwise preparing for delivery at the point of packing."

Figures this year are generally below 1948, when the grand total ran $184,139,541.

PORTERVILLE DOES IT AGAIN



FOR THE second year in a row, Porterville took top honors with its community booth exhibit in the 1950 Tulare County fair, theme this year being based on the Bibical quotation, "Feed My Sheep." The booth was sponsored by the Porterville chamber of commerce and was constructed by the Porterville chapter of the California Young Farmers.

ROUNDUP

PORTERVILLE, May 4, 1950—The world's best riders will tangle with Cuff Burrell's tough Brahamas, broncs and steers as top-flight professionals compete for world championship cowboy points at Porterville's third annual Roundup at the Rocky Hill arena Saturday and Sunday. The show has become one of the top events of its kind in the San Joaquin valley.

May 18, 1889. Supervisor Newport was in town on Saturday and informed us that he has disposed to his Frazier Mill to Moore and Smith of Stockton.

June 3, 1898. G. W. Thomson has opened up a saloon in the mountains, east of the old Frasier mill. H. F. Timeus went up Monday to take charge.

May 11, 1889. Work will commence at Coburn's Mill next Monday. Mr. Coburn has just returned from the city where he purchased some new machinery.

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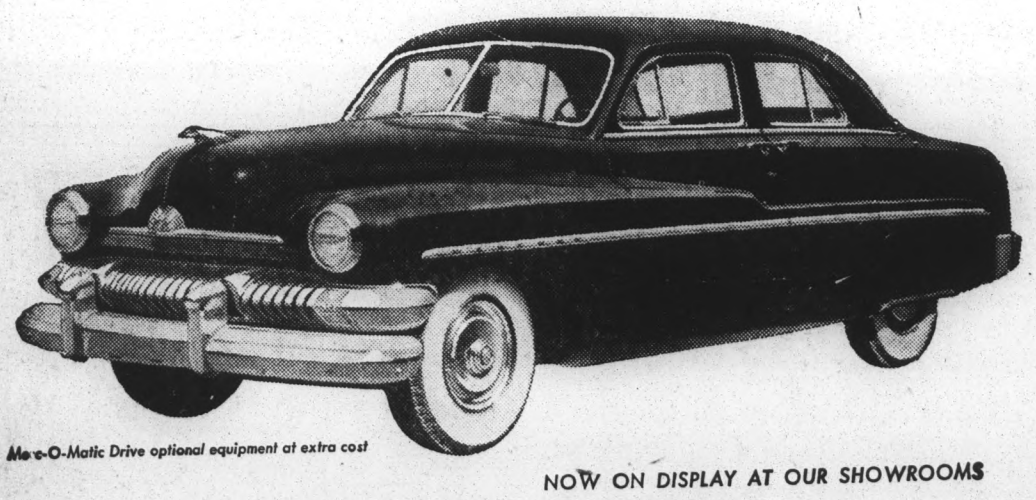
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LOGGING, ROADS, MOUNTAIN NEWS ARE RECOUNTED IN OLD ISSUES OF THE PORTERVILLE ENTERPRISE

In connection with the October, 1950 issue of the Tulare County Historical Society bulletin, Harold G. Schutt, Lindsay, president of the society, gathered the following items concerning early-day activities in the mountain country east of Porterville as reported in the Porterville Enterprise. The items relate primarily to the early-day logging industry.

Another McKiearnan Tree

June 8, 1889. John McKiernan, of Cramer intends cutting a 26-foot in diameter redwood tree for exhibition sometime this month. This tree is situated near A. J. Doty's Mountain Home summer resort.

August 3, 1889. John McKiernan felled the large tree at Mountain Home that he is to take to Europe, last Friday evening just at dusk. Many were disappointed as only two persons saw it fall. Many campers had gone from Summer Home to watch the work for the past two weeks.

August 31, 1889. John McKiearnan, of Pleasant Valley, informs that he will send down his big tree samples to Porterville next week. It is divided into eight distinct pieces which will be banded together when they arrive in Los Angeles where they will be shipped for exhibition.

October 5, 1889. At last, the big tree, "California", which Messers McKiearnan and Davidson have been cutting down in the Redwood forest above Frazier, is ready and will be under way to visit those places where anything from the "wild west" will be welcomed as a curiosity, and shortly, those narrow-minded sceptics who have never seen a genuine Giant of the Redwood groves will have to admit that the fabulous stories told of the world famous but little seen Sequoia gigantes are true.

"California" was cut from a tree growing in the Redwood grove home three quarters of a mill to the east of Frazier's mill and is a portion of a forest giant which grew to a height of some 300 feet and measured some 76 feet in circumferance at the base. It has been cut into eight separate pieces each weighing some 1,200 to 1,500 pounds.

John McKiearnan and three assistants accompanied "California" to Porterville, where they arrived at about 2:00 P. M. Tuesday. Monday morning will witness the departure of the stump for Visalia where it will be placed on exhibition for the forthcoming fair, after which it is bound for Tulare, Fresno, Merced, San Francisco, Sacramento, San Diego and San Bernardino. Eventually, it will bid a long farewell to its native state and will start for New Orleans via Texas.

(Note: That is all we know about "California". Can anyone complete the record? There is a picture of what is supposed to be the Porterville band standing on a section of redwood such as discribed above. Is it this exhibit?)

Frazier-Fraiser-Frasier Road

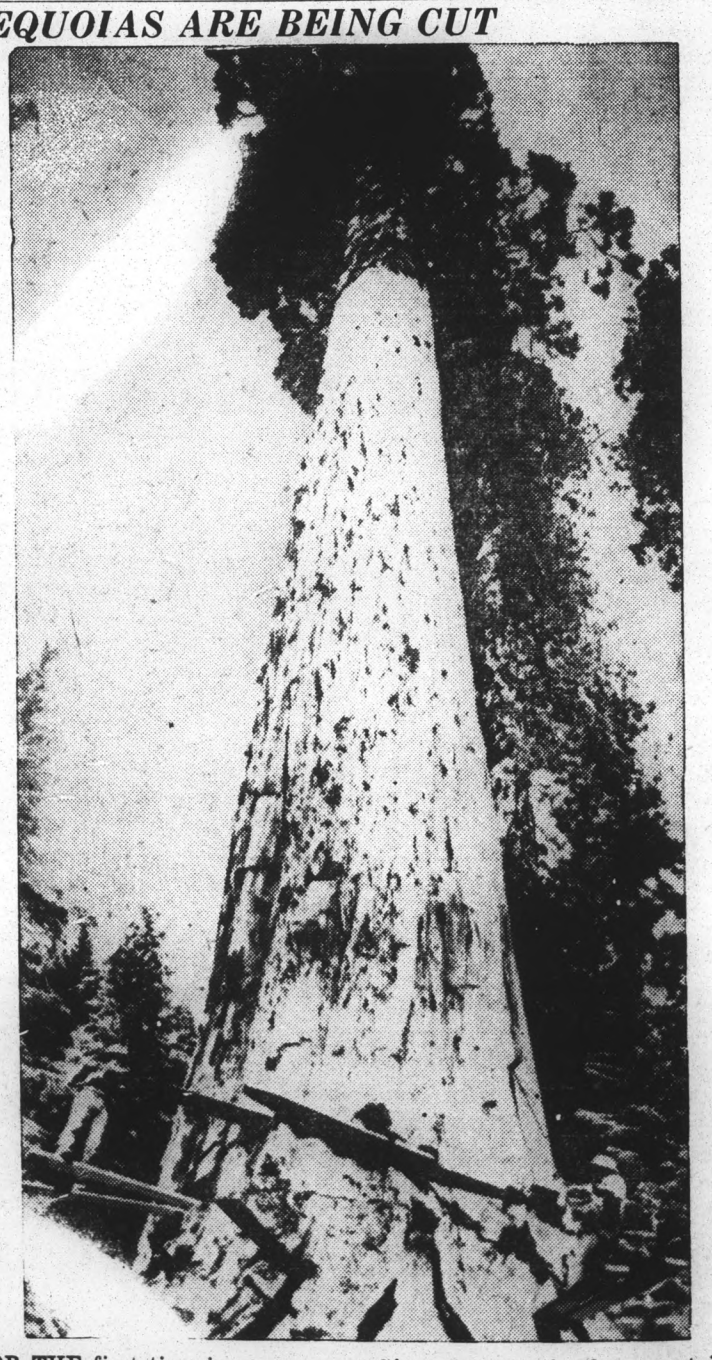
"Frazier" is used most frequently in referring to the old mill at Mountain Home. Frazier built a very steep road up the west side of Bear Creek to the mill site. After a short time he went broke and left the area. When he came back he attempted to recover the road in order to charge toll with results reported as follows:

July 13, 1889. The petition presented to the Board of Supervisors, Wednesday last, to declare the Frazier road a County road was acted on. It is now a public highway and W. W. Brown, the road overseer of District No. 1 was thereby ordered and directed to open said road.

July 20, 1889. It appears that after the lawsuit in which Frai-

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SEQUOIAS ARE BEING CUT



FOR THE first time in many years, Giant Sequoias in the mountains north of Springville are being logged, with a group of Los Angeles business men financing the operation. On a 1,500 acre, privately-owned tract in the Balch park country, some 200 trees will be cut this season and probably 250 more next year. The redwood logs are being run through the Rouch sawmill at Springville, then shipped, as lumber, to market areas. Above photo shows modern power saws at work in the same area where pioneer loggers used axes to fell the "largest trees in the world." (Cut courtesy The Fresno Bee.)

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ser lost the other day, he took upon himself the responsibility of closing up the road, extending a gate across it, backing up the same by shotgun law.

However on Saturday, last, Roadmaster Brown, in accordance with orders received from the Supervisors, went up and declared the thoroughfare a public road, belonging to the County, and open it up for public traffic, but Fraiser closed it up the following day, seeing which, Brown came down to Porterville and swore out a warrant of arrest for Fraiser on a charge of obstructing a public highway.

Constable Rose later arrested Fraiser, who was brought before Judge Redd. Fraiser was granted a change of venue to Visalia since he claimed that he could not receive fair play in Porterville.

August 3, 1889. On Sunday the 21st, a mob of about 10 men armed with axes and rifles proceeded from Mountain Home to Camp two on the Frasier road and proceeded to demolish the gate and fences leading to the Frasier mill. Mr. Frasier on the following Tuesday went to Visalia and swore out a warrant for the arrest of the three principals of the gang, Clyde Tyler, W. Sullivan and A. J. Doty, Jr.

Undersheriff White served the warrant on the parties mentioned above on Sunday last. They appeared but were dismissed on the grounds that as the road was a public highway, there was no cause for action.

August 10, 1889. L. B. Frasier (probably this is the correct spelling) called upon us Monday with a petition singed by over 150 of the most solid and prominent business men and land owners of our district. The petition is addressed to the Tulare County Board of Supervisors and sets forth that Frasier built the Frasier road, over which there has been so much wrangling lately.

The petition states that Frasier is the rightful owner of the road; that it is an act of injustice to take private property for public use without allowing the owner compensation. It also prays for the resindal of the order of July 10, declaring the road to be a public highway and that Frasier be recompensed. Mr. Frasier laid the petition before the Board of Supervisors but we have not heard the results.

September 7, 1889. We hear that no action has been taken by the Board of Supervisors regarding the report of the viewers of the Frasier road. The report favored the abandonment of the road.

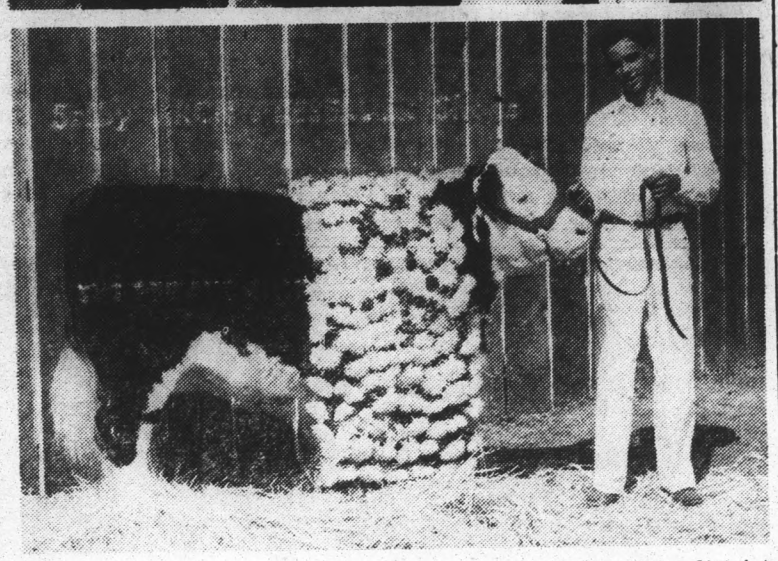
August 24, 1889. Most of the teams have been taken off of the Coburn Mill road as there is little lumber left to haul at the dump on account of the lower water, there not being enough to carry lumber through the flume to the dump. ("Dump" was end of the flume.)

September 7, 1889. Emil Newan came down from Frazier's Mill where he has been spending a couple of weeks. Jim Tyler and family returned from Frazier's Mill on Wednesday last, where they have been sojourning several weeks.

We'll see you at the Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, November 11.

THEY GET BETTER AND BETTER





BEEF CATTLE get better and better in the Porterville district, as indicated by the two prize-winning steers shown above. At the top Donald Hunsaker, Ducor 4-H club, shows the grand champion fat steer of the third annual Tulare County Junior Livestock Show & Community Fair, held last May in Porterville; Joe Menne, breeder of the animal, congratulates Russell Cadwell of Cadwell-Martin, Hanford, who paid 50 cents per pound for the champion, while Louis Gill looks on. Lower, Frank Menne Jr., also a Ducor 4-H club member, with his grand champion fat steer of the 1950 Tulare County fair.

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Sale Of Price Hardware Store To Hodgson Brothers Largest Business Deal; History Recalled

(Sale of the Price Hardware company to Earl, Arthur K. and Virgil Hodgson in November of 1949 was the largest business deal on Main street during the past year, with the sale taking place shortly after the death of Fred Price. The Hodgson organization is also one of the older business firms in the community, having been started in 1911 by R. Hodgson. At present, the former Price Hardware company is operated under the new name of Price-Hodgson company, with Virgil Hodgson as manager. The following article compiled by Miss Ina Stiner and by members of the Price family, recalls local history as related to the Price company and to the late Fred Price.)

For 47 years Price Hardware and Furniture Company was a leading firm in the Porterville community. It was founded by Thomas Lawrence Price, who, in 1902, brought his wife and their family of four sons and daughters from Pembina, North Dakota, where T. L. had built a general mercantile business of several departments in a group of buildings. In Porterville he bought the Putnam Building, on the west side of Main street between Mill and Oak streets: the building which has ever since been the location of this historic family business, where the long-familiar signs are still seen, though the property and business have changed owners. Intending to engage in the hardware business, T. L. bought the hardware stock of the Schulz Hardware Company, who occupied the building.

The building is distinguished by its two large bay windows and its iron balcony overlooking the street. The windows were originally topped by cupolas, until a fire in 1937 so damaged them, as well as the roof, that they were removed. In the early days T. L. Price liked to play Santa Claus to the children, who came in the store to receive presents he dropped to them from the balcony. This is recorded by an old phonograph taken in 1910. When the building was bought by T. L. Price, the photographic studio of E. M. Hammond was located in the north upstairs room, just inside the big window.

BUSINESS MAN



Fred Price

After the death of R. Porter Putnam, who had not quite finished it, the building came into the possession of a San Francisco firm who sold it to Fred Ackerman, from whom Thomas Lawrence Price bought it. The Price hardware business was established in the ground floor, while upstairs was a hall used by lodges and some of the churches. With the building in 1909 of the Masonic Hall and the Episcopal Church in 1913, the record floor was no longer used as a hall. With the hardware business established, the Prices later started a Variety store in the basement.

About 1914 a stock of furniture was added on the second floor, the Variety store was closed out, and into the basement went a good stock of China, glassware and kitchen utensils. From 1916 to 1928 Allen Bullard had his dry goods store in the north side on the ground floor. The furniture expanded, after the removal of Bullards', into the north store and also to the newly constructed mezzanine floor.

Behind the building, Porter Putnam had planted orange trees; these the Prices had taken out to make an addition to the back of the store and a ramp to the basement where they kept Studebaker wagons and buggies for sale. Beyond the alley (or Division Street) there was a plumbing shop with two pressure systems. Mr. Fontaine was the plumber and tinsmith, who built 1,000 and 10,000-gallon tanks for the farmers. Beyond the alley were stored distillate, oil, and even dynamite (for blasting the hard-pan in planting orange groves). The Prices carried the International Harvester Company's farm machinery until 1932 when they sold it to Ira Marks. About 1945 a warehouse on Hockett Street replaced the old buildings on the west side.

All this later expansion had occurred since the death of T. L. Price in 1919 and since Fred Price became the senior member of the Price family firm. The family consisted of Fred and Bam and their two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Hornbeak of Fresno and Mrs. Kathleen Warden. Mrs. Hornbeak's share of the store was bought out in 1832. Kathleen's husband, Tim Warden, was in the store since 1920; he was in a bank in Tulare from 1909 until the first World War, in which he served, and after that he came to Porterville. Bam served in the Navy in that war. The three boys worked as a very co-operative group for thirty years, a factor in the success of the firm.

An incident that occurred when T. L. Price arrived in Porterville made a change in another business field. The established bank (not now in existence) asked $62

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(Continued from Previous Page) to cash the check that he brought with him. (He went to Visalia to cash it.) He also wanted a loan of money until he could completely close his business in North Dakota, and the same bank in Porterville charged him about 20% interest. Tom Price said, "If there is such a profit in banking, I will open a bank myself." He had been a bank director in North Dakota; he sent for Harry C. Carr, who was employed in that bank, to come to Porterville to manage a new institution.

About that time also, a friend of J. J. Williams, whose husband had just died, was charged $60 by the earlier bank for handling the life insurance check. J. H. Williams, the father of our Senator Howard Williams, joined the new Board of Directors, which also included Wilko Mentz, Sr., J. N. Larson, W. E. Sprott, besides H. C. Carr and T. L. Price. Thus, on June 1, 1903, began the First National Bank in Porterville. It was located in the Traeger building, ust south of the Price store. Fred Price was the first bookkeeper of the bank until the Variety store opened, when he managed that department.

For 27 years this bank was the First National Bank of Porterville, until November 3, 1930, when its name was changed to the Bank of America, Porterville Branch. Before Fred Velie came into the bank, Harry C. Carr and Fred S. Price had handled the business between them at the window, and had done all the bookkeeping as well. Fred Price had seen the institution grow from this small beginning to its present position.

It had participated in the wonderful growth of the community and had played an important part in promoting its development, particularly the interests of the farmers. Under the merger plan, Fred Velie continued as manager, Charles Osborn as assistant manager, and Wilko Mentz, president of the First National, became chairman of the Advisory Board. The other members of the board were Fred S. Price, J. B. Dennis, Guy Knupp, Sr., and F. W. Velie.

While the Price interests contributed to promote the establishment of the First National Bank in Porterville in 1903, and have been best known for the hardware and furniture business, they have also included real estate development. In 1913 T. L. Price, with Murphy and Laidlaw, Contractors, constructed the Price Building in the block on the east side of Main Street between Mill and Putnam, on a lot bought from "Scotty" Calderwood, and once occupied by a blacksmith shop of Andy Phillips. This Price building was sold several years ago to Marion Zaninovich and remodeled for the Famous store.

About 1920 Fred and Bam Price began making small subdivisions of land outside the city limits: Price Acres south of the High School, Price Garden Acres south and east of the Main Street bridge, Price Palm Acres about half a mile west of the old Terwilliger home on Sunnyside, Rio Vista Acres east of town, and a 30-acre tract on West Putnam.

Fred Price, who was born March 8, 1885, in Pembina, North Dakota, was the eldest of the children of Thomas Lawrence and Emily Jane Price. When the family came to Porterville in 1902, Fred was 17 years of age. He became a member of the Porterville band, playing clarinet. Fred's first business position was with the First National Bank of Porterville, of which his father was one of the founders in 1903. After the Price Variety store was opened, Fred managed that department, beginning his association with the family business.

After his father's death, Fred was for 30 years the senior member of the Price family firm. This nucleus carried on the firm founded by the father, Thomas Lawrence Price, in a business established and prospering in character and integrity in the way that is possible under the privilege of private enterprise. Fred accepted his business primarily as a devoted son, as a heritage of family responsibility, and later as a challenge to civic service. He was a Mason and a Rotarian and he served on the city council.

Fred was a beneficent and loved employer. Two former employees, who had entered the service of the Price Hardware companw when they were boys, telephoned from the southernmost part of the state to offer to come to Fred's funeral. Someone told of Fred's distress when an old employee was unable to take over the new motorized method of delivery and so continue in the service. The phrase in important matters in the store was, "Ask Fred." He was held in high esteem for his integrity and honor by those who had known him during the 47 years he lived in Porterville.

March 8, 1890. A. J. Doty is trying to have a post office established at his resort called "Mountain Home" near the old Frazier's Mill.

DISTINCTIVE PORTERVILLE BUILDING



BECAUSE OF it's architecture, the Price building, originally constructed by Porterville's founder, R. Porter Putnam, has always been distinctive on Main street. The above picture was taken shortly after the turn of the century, when the Price Hardware company occupied the north section of the street-level floor and when a hall for lodge and public meetings was upstairs.

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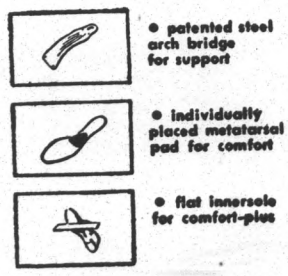
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J. J. DOYLE WAS PIONEER LEADER; MUSSEL SLOUGH TRAGEDY RECALLED

By Ina H. Stiner

John J. Doyle, who made Doyle's Springs, on the north fork of Middle Tule, famous for its water and who developed Doyle Colony, Porterville's vigorous suburb, was characterized by Harry Lamdin, early publisher of Porterville Recorder, as a "fighting Irishman." Actually he was born in Lafayette, Indiana, April 19, 1844, the next to the youngest of 16 children.

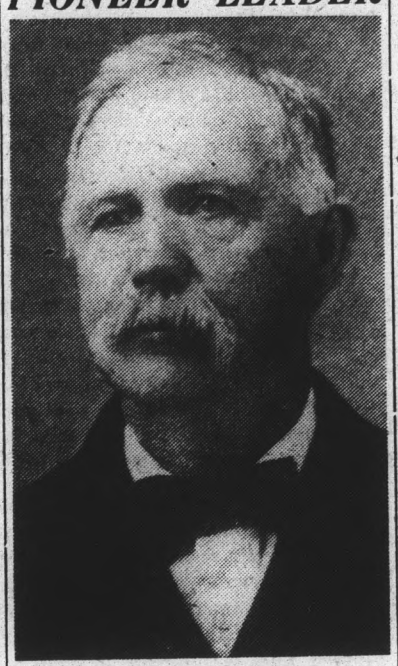
It was his grandfather who came from Ireland with the Scotch-Irish migration to Virginia; the next generation went into Kentucky but, being opposed to slavery, crossed over into Indiana. As to "fighting"—well, his colorful life's career gave opportunity for that.

He was a man of medium height, quick and witty; he had dark hair early turning gray. He completed a college commercial course and when of age set out for California, via Panama, against the protest of his family. He exchanged an old watch for a shot gun and sold that to get money for the trip. He mined in Plumas county until deaths in the family called him home. He brought his mother back with him to Sierra Valley in Plumas county, when, happening to come to Tulare county in 1871, he got interested in farming at Mussel Slough (then a part of Tulare county.)

He began growing wneat and became a justice of peace and notary public. In the book "Garden of the Sun," Wallace Smith has, after careful research, given in many details the development to and through what has been known as "The Mussel Slough Tragedy." Frank Norris' novel "The Octopus," one of the best on real Western life, was based on the incident. It was an event having many connections and repercussions.

It started when the United States Congress gave grants of land to corporations who would build railroads in the western part of the United States. The grants were to be along their routes and were not to conflict with the rights of settlers who had taken public land under the homestead law, etc., for individual homes and farms. As the Southern Pacific Railroad Co. began building a railroad south through the San Joaquin valley it began appropriating the lands indicated by its grants.

PIONEER LEADER



J. J. DOYLE

Mussel Slough, one of the indicated places, was a section of great agricultural promise, already being settled. Its village was Grangeville, with Hanford not far away. There were attempts to compromise by the settlers' paying the Southern Pacific for their land; but because the prime was placed by the S. P.'s land management so much above prices of open land the farmers would be paying for their own improvements; some refused to do that; and the S. P. Co. had a United States marshal sent from San Francisco to evict these farmers.

Wm. Braden (brother of Mrs. F. M. Ainsworth of Milo and Mrs. G. A. Richardson of Porterville) was the first one evicted — not being at home when his furniture was set outdoors, on May 11, 1880. To complicate matters, two men, who were going to buy the land from which certain farmers were to be evicted, were on hand to take possession and had shotguns in their wagon; they had been living in the settlement and had expressed opposition to the organizing of the settlers to secure their rights. It is quite likely that one of these two men fired the first shot — at any rate, both of them were killed as were six other men.

At the organizing of 60 settlers into the Settlers' Land League at the Grangeville schoolhouse, in April, 1878 — before they began harvesting the abundant crop that year — J. J. Doyle had been elected secretary. He and James N. Patterson became the leaders of the League which grew to a membership of 400. Doyle was one of the deputy marshals appointed by the Grand League at Hanford to organize the settlers in making a legal fight for their land.

He and Patterson with another farmer had earlier been asked by the farmers to negotiate with the S. P. Co. as to ownership. It was after their efforts and a trip by Doyle to Washington had failed that the Settlers' Land League had been formed. At the "tragedy" there were present: the U. S. Marshal Poole, the land agent, Clark, the two men taking possession, two farmers in a field, Patterson and a man (killed that day) who had ridden on horseback from a farmers' picnic at Hanford on hearing news of the eviction, and perhaps a dozen others who got there. Afterwards J. J. Doyle and several others were indicted for conspiracy to resist the U. S. marshal (who had avoided coming through Hanford and got quickly back to Kingsburg as best he could.)

When Doyle and Patterson went to give themselves up to the U. S. circuit court in San Francisco and post bonds in June, 1880, they reported to the city newspapers that "113 new ejectment suits were to be brought before the Superior Court of Tulare county;" that "the 16 orphans — deprived of protectors by the tragedy were being supported by the League;" that "the slaughtered men's farms were being cultivated and harvested by the League;" that "Everything is quiet on the disputed lands but intense indignation exists at the repudiation by the R. R. Co. of an attempt at compromise."

They also brought for publication a "Statement," signed by them, "by the Settlers' League of Tulare and Fresno Counties to the People of the United States." The following are quotations therefrom: "The Settlers' League are endeavoring to save the homes they have created, from the grasp of a corporation, which has derived its wealth and its influence from the common patrimony, and which now seeks, by perversion of federal legislation, and other unfair and oppressive methods, to appropriate the results of the labor, industry, and perserverance against great natural obstacles of hundreds of American citizens during a term of years. They rely for the protection of their rights . . . upon the unstained tribunals of their country. They refuse to believe that money and power can arbitrarily deprive them of the property they have developed in waste and desert places . . .

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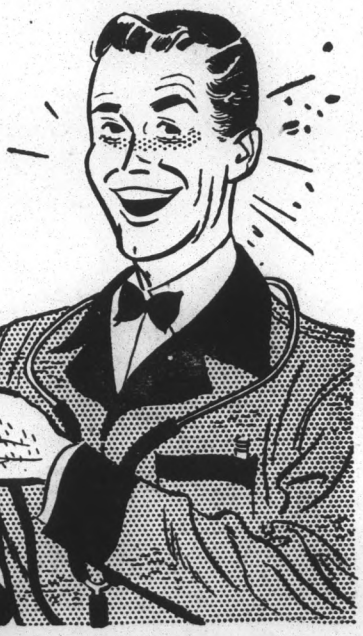
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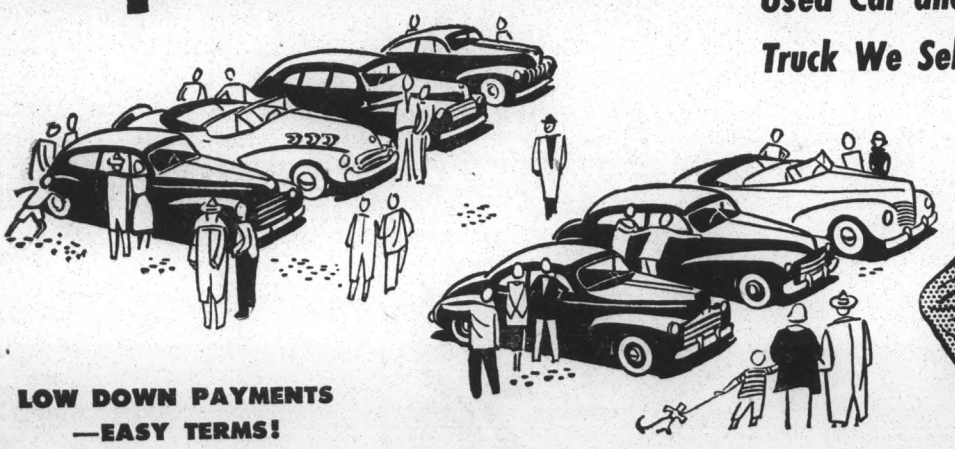
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and they emphatically disclaim any connection, direct or indirect, with any political party or organization whatsoever." (Because many of the Mussel Slough farmers were Southerners, there was an attempt to use that fact in a charge of conspiracy.)

The seven men indicted were tried in San Francisco in December, 1880, many farmers being held there as witnesses through the three weeks of the trial. When J. J. Doyle testified, a city newspaper commented: "He testified in a clear, straightforward manner, answering all questions asked him coolly and deliberately and with apparent frankness. He gave a complete history of the organization of the Settlers' Land League at Hanford and the six subordinate leagues and, as far as allowed by the court, a statement of the difficulties with the railroad which led to the formation of the society." They were acquitted of the conspiracy charge; but five men — Doyle, Patterson, Braden, John D. Purcell and Wayman L. Pryor — were convicted of resisting a U. S. marshal, and sentenced to eight months in San Jose Jail — one of the large ones in the state.

In June, 1880, J. J. Doyle and Lily A. Holser of Hanford had been married. He had been in her company on the day of the "tragedy." Neither she nor any of the families of the other defendants had been allowed to testify in court or be in the courtroom lest they influence the jury. But these families went to live in San Jose while the men were imprisoned. Wallace Smith tells that the prisoners received so many telegrams from everywhere that the jailer got tired of delivering them to the men upstairs (or letting them fish them up) and allowed the prisoners to go to get their mail.

One would suppose that J. J. Doyle had fought that fight once and for all; but after he had come to live in Porterville, someone through the newspaper criticized him for "having a pleasant interview with Collis P. Huntington, who caused the death of eight men and financial loss to hundreds" — Huntington being the member of the S.P.R.R. Co. with whom Doyle had his contacts and who at the time had expressed admiration for Doyle's fight.

The following is quoted from Doyle's own comments on Mussel Slough from "the fighting Irishman's" reply in the Porterville Enterprise of May 11, 1900: "Twenty years ago this day in Mussel Slough country eight of these men were killed — six of the settlers & two that were with the U. S. marshal to take possession of the lands that the settlers claimed. Nineteen years ago today I, with four of my neighbors was serving time in the San Jose jail for resisting the U. S. marshal on that memorable occasion, when as a matter of fact there was not a word of testimony that the U. S. marshal was resisted. And speaking of my own case I was not within three miles of the place where the tragedy occurred.

"Yet I served eight months for resisting the U. S. marshal. The way that 100 men were financially

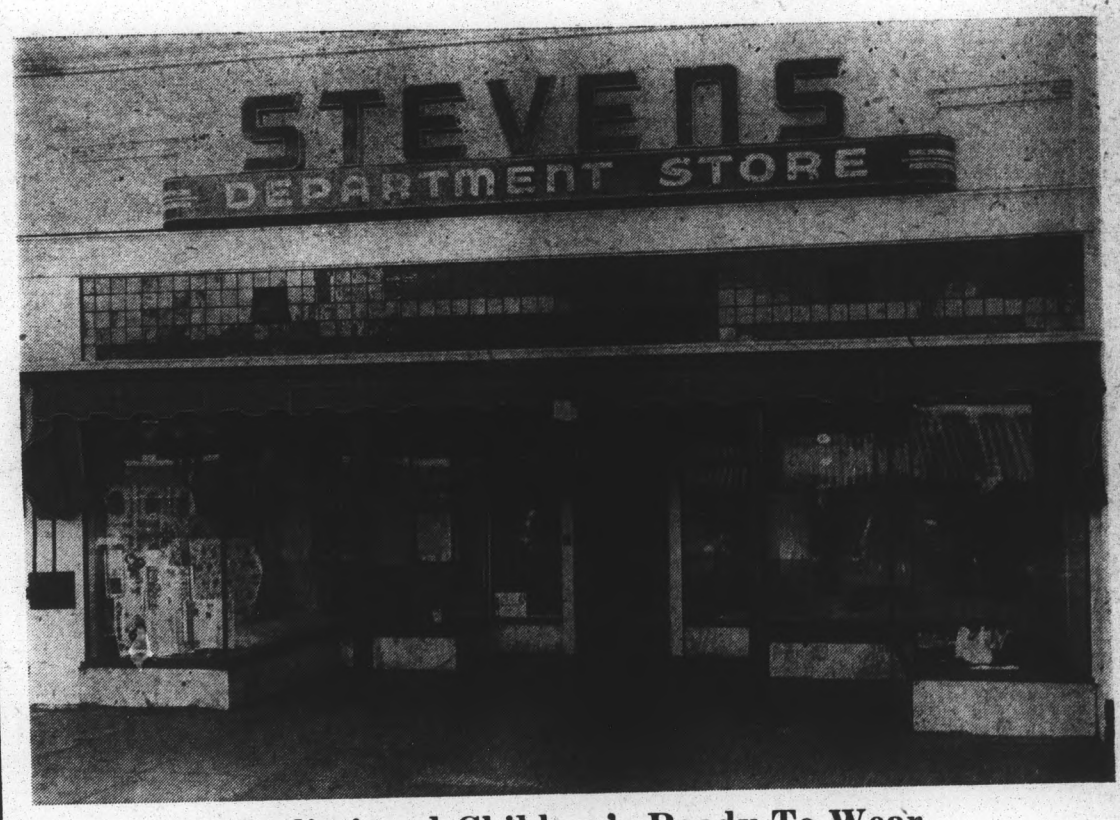
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Breadbasket

PORTERVILLE, May 4, 1950— Tulare county is seen as the "breadbasket" of Los Angeles and Southern California by Roy Hagen, director of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, who last week headed a group of 66 Los Angeles business men on a goodwill tour through Tulare, Kern and Fresno counties.

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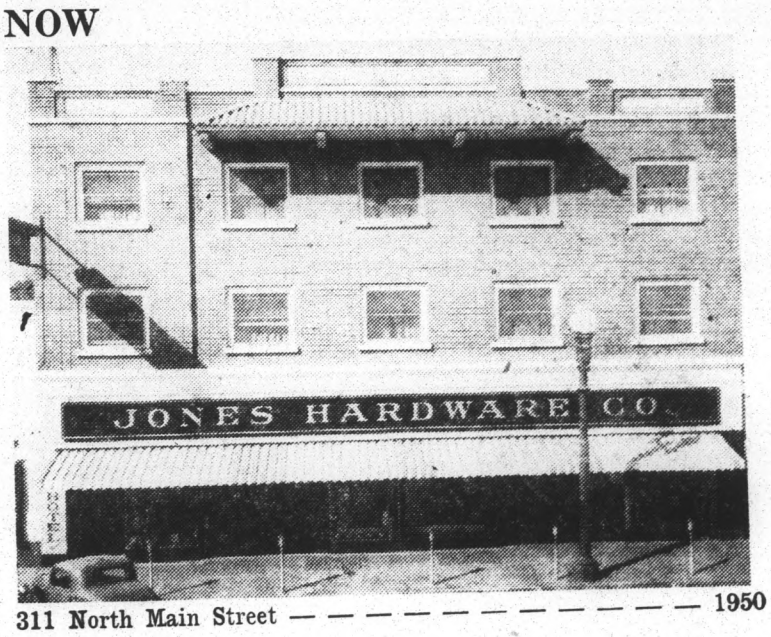


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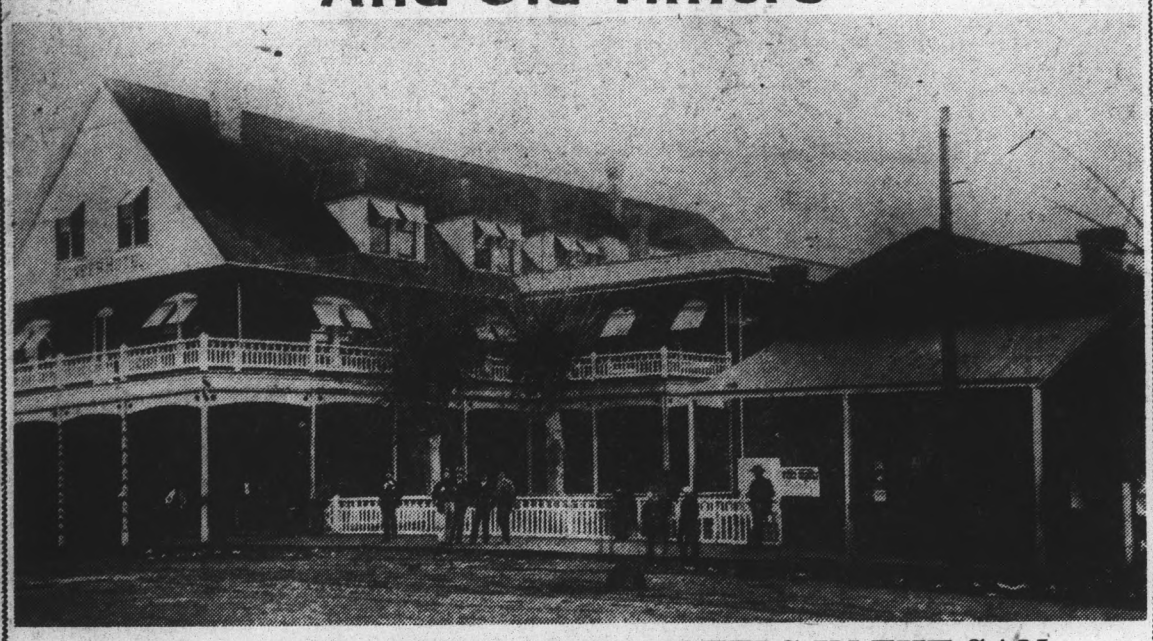
ACCIDENT

PORTERVILLE, Oct. 31, 1908—Owing to the fact that the headlights on his machine had gone out, Dr. S. A. Barber narrowly escaped injury last night and the repairs for a buggy he destroyed will be charge to his account. The buggy was the property of Miss Lucy Turley and was tied in front of a Sunnyside home. Dr. Barber had been at the rink, and left on a hurry call. His lights had gone out while he was inside, and when he left, he had not had time to refill them.

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MUDDY STREET TO MODERN STREET





THE MUDDY street, shown above, is Mill street, looking east from Main about 1890, with the Kilbreth and Mitchell Livery Stable on the left. Lower picture shows the modern Mill street in October of 1950, with the new Porter theatre, constructed last year, on the left and with the tower of the Baptist church appearing on the right.

Water, Streets, Garbage Disposal Improved In Porterville During Year

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 2, 1950—Improvement of streets, water supply and garbage disposal are listed by Porterville's city manager, Harold Corbin, as major improvements during the past year, with the city manager also calling attention to the fact that the Porterville city tax rate has been dropped 19 cents during the past two years to a present rate of $1.36.

Realignment of two major streets has been accomplished—the Olive—Main intersection being improved by cutting a section off Konda property on the southeast corner and the Hockett-Putnam intersection by cutting the northeast corner and adding a pedestrian island. Additional work is planned in the future at both these intersections in order to improve traffic flow.



Corbin

Five miles of new and resurfaced streets have been built during the past year and two city water wells drilled, one on high school property and one at the end of Kanai street. A third well will be drilled near the Vine street school.

Garbage collection within the city has been greatly improved through use of completely new, enclosed garbage trucks, purchased during the past year.

In the field of city beautification, a small park is being constructed at the intersection of Main and Sunnyside, where a historical marker will be placed to commemorate the old Tule River stage station, and where appearance of the north city approach will be greatly improved.

First Central Valley Project Water Comes To Farmers West of Town

PORTERVILLE, May 18, 1950—Farmers of the Lower Tule Irrigation district today received their first water from the Friant-Kern canal of the Central Valley project, with flow of 320 to 330 second feet turned into the Tule river channel for distribution through ditches to ranches in the district.

The water came at a crucial time for many farmers since recent dry years and increased agricultural pumping have lowered the water table to a point where wells are going dry, or where they are being maintained only after expensive deepening operations.

First step in the distribution plan will be to allow water to flow down the Tule to the end of the district at the Kings county line, after which flow will be turned into existing ditches for agricultural use.

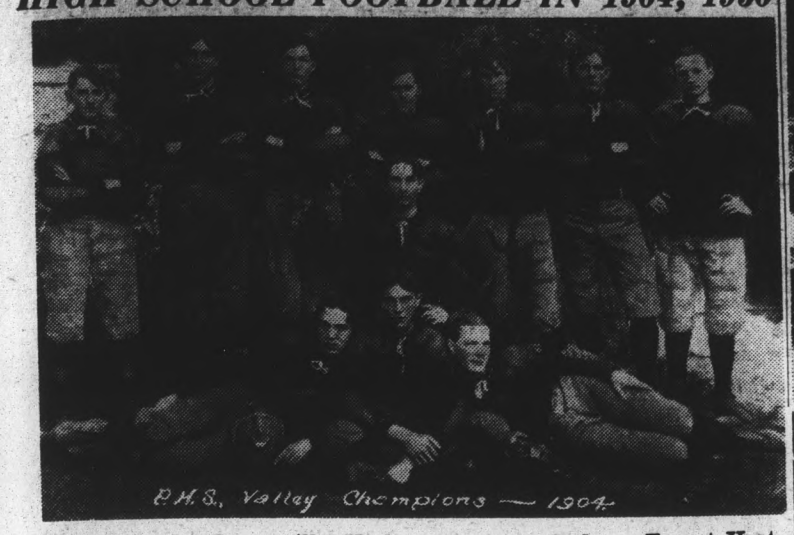
Saucelito, Terra Bella and Porterville districts are slated to receive Friant-Kern water in the near future.

Irrigated Grain Is Paying Deal

—Sprinkler irrigated wheat this season, for the third consecutive year, has paid off for C. W. Burtner, who this year produced 2,855 pounds per acre on 30½ acres, or 20 sacks (140 pounds) per acre plus 55 pounds.

To produce this 20-sack crop, Mr. Burtner pre-irrigated to a depth of three to four feet and applied 200 pounds per acre of 10-10 fertilizer. He did not irrigate the crop during the growing season.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IN 1904, 1950



ABOVE IS the Porterville High school football team of 1904 that beat Bakersfield for the San Joaquin valley championship, with front row, left to right, Elmer James, Delbert Traeger and Jay Gibson; center, Fletcher Ferguson; back, Louie Badoux, Ernest Hastings, Everett Ball, Roy Wymore, John Quinn, Ralph Hastings and Jim Knupp. The boys played American football in those days, although school teams played Rugby for a period of years starting about 1910. In the modern picture are the 1950 Porterville high school Panthers, with, bottom row, left to right: Clarence Collier, Bill Hood, Mike Anthony, Iva Weathers, Vernon Rymer, Merlin Owens, Jack Zaninovich, Leroy Jordan, Fred Lawrence, Bill Drumright, Gary Hill, Jack Weathers (Mgr.); second row: Bill Martin (Mgr.), Don Phipps, Frank Jaconetti, Earl McGahey, Tom Van Metre, Tony Prandani, Ralph Ream, Dale Whitesides, Doug Luther, Ted Paulson, Jim Demetriff, Bill Horst, Bob Jackson, Richard Elam, Gary Patton, (Mgr.); third row: Coach Carl Elder, Clyde Ferrell, Rodney Wiens, Gary Hamilton, Albert Rafferty, Bob Mainord, Tom Rafferty, Alva Henderson, Angelo Prandini, Karl Chapell, Carl Jarvis, Paul Sharp, Mike Scanlon, Coach Ray Hackleman; fourth row: Coach Al Melcer, Jim Robertson (athletic commissioner) Roger Brown, Wally Crichton, Dale Robinson, Ben Corzine, Richard Stolie, Stephen Dow, Norman Willweber, Robert Grissom, Don Delaney and Frank Snively. The Panthers meet Wasco high on the local turf as a feature of the November 11 celebration in Porterville.



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PASSENGER TRAIN HELD UP NEAR ALILA; FIREMAN IS KILLED BUT ROBBERS FAIL TO GET MONEY

ALILA, Feb. 13, 1891—A bold but unsuccessful attempt was made to rob passenger train No. 17 a mile south of here last Friday night. The attempt was made in a similar manner to the two previous ones made in this county.

Soon after leaving the station, Engineer Thorne and Fireman George Radcliffe observed that they were covered with pistols in the hands of two masked men who were crawling toward them over the coal, ordering them to stop the train, which they did immediately.

They were then marched to the express car, together with the brakeman who had come forward to see what was the matter and told to ask Messenger Haswell to open the door.

Having got a glimpse of the robbers through the window in front of his car, Haswell put out his lights and refused to open the door. The robbers then opened fire on the car, which was returned by the messenger. In the fusillade which followed, Fireman Radliff was fatally wounded and Messenger Haswell received a bullet over his left eye, which left only a slight wound.

Being so near the station, the unexpected and vigorous resistance caused the robbers to give up the attempt after Haswell had fired through his window and had seen one of the robbers throw up his hands and exclaim, "Oh, God, I'm hit."

After the robbers left, the train went on to Delano, where Dr. P. F. Chapman of Porterville, who was waiting to take the train to Bakersfield, made a hasty examination of the wounded fireman and found that the wound was fatal.

From the tracks found at the scene of the attempted robbery, it is believed three men were engaged in the job, one evidently having held the horses while the others stopped the train. A plain trail led east from the track for a short distance and then made a half circle, finally heading toward the northwest.

Ex-Sheriff Overall, having been deputized by Sheriff Kay, took up the trail at daylight, accompanied by R. L. Hockett of Porterville. A posse went by special train to Huron and parties from Bakersfield set out toward Sunflower valley. Fully 40 men were scouring the county west of the lake Saturday and Sunday and Sheriff Kay thought he was on the track of the men in San Luis Obispo county.

Sunlight Bakery Is Expanding

PORTERVILLE, June 22, 1950—The largest user of farm products in southern Tulare county and one of the largest business organizations in Porterville from the standpoint of payroll — the Sunlight Bakery — is now expanding at its location on Second street and Putnam avenue to provide an increase of 50 per cent in its baking facilities.

Eugene Bluekle and Jerry Hildebrand, bakery owners, have purchased the Callison building, with plans to remodel this building, move their offices upstairs and use the floor level for warehouse space. Under construction is a new building to house increased and improved machinery.

Started in 1933 with four employees and two small trucks, the organization now operates 18 new trucks, two service cars, has 16 salesmen, one supervisor, one assistant sales manager and an advertising manager with an annual payroll of nearly $300,000.

Growing with Porterville Since 1925



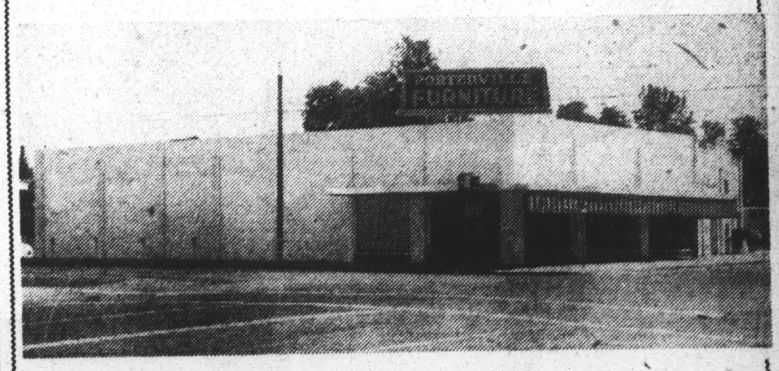
In 1925, Tom Spear, Dodge and Plymouth dealer opened his doors in Porterville at South Main and Vine Streets. In 1934 they moved to their present location on North Main Street. When Tom Spear first opened his shop he had four employees. Today he has increased his staff to eleven employees. The year of 1925 there were 75 new automobiles sold and with the progress of years there were 176 new automobiles sold in 1949.

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WOODVILLE, July 20, 1950—Domestic water, that came as a "lifesaver" to the Woodville community through construction of a water system by the recently formed Woodville Public Utility district, received official recognition, Saturday, when a number of southern county residents gathered for a Woodville program that featured a baseball game, a dedication program and an old-fashioned water fight.

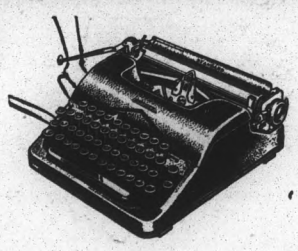
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ruined was this: A very prejudiced man was sent there by the S. P. R. R. to grade their lands. He graded lands all the way from $3.50 to $45 per acre — the improvements of the settlers making the difference, much more than the actual value of the land — and many of them attempting to pay for their lands at this exorbitant price were financially ruined. In my own case, for three years I was proscribed and could not purchase my land at any price, but when permitted to buy I had to pay $30 per acre; and when five of us on the 24th day of September, 1881 at 12 o'clock at night walked out of the San Jose jail free men, we were all of us financially ruined. This severe and, as we thought, unmerited treatment was caused by members of the S. P. R. R. Co. to satisfy a revengeful spirit that seemed to exist in the minds of those who had the management of that unfortunate contest.

"In November, 1874 I started this contest by presenting a petition to Congress, sincerely believing that the Southern Pacific Co. had no right to a title to these lands. In 1875 and '76, I together with about 300 of my neighbors offered a filing on these lands in the land office of Visalia.

"Our filings were rejected, and I appealed to the Department of the Interior, where we were also defeated. We again appealed to Congress and the United States courts and were defeated at every point. Hence you see this was a legal contest, and I dare say Mr. Huntington performed his part of this legal contest which he had a perfect right to do, and if success crowned his efforts, we had no right to blame him, but if we should blame any it would be the courts, the Departments, and the men that were hired to present our cases.

"The American people . . . elect a man to represent them in Congress, or the Legislature, or to preside over their destinies on the Bench, and if they conclude that Mr. Huntington has influenced such a man, they invariably curse Mr. Huntington and let the culprit who has betrayed them go scot free." (It was an aroused public opinion that finally elected legislators who refused to allow the railroad power to dominate.) Mr. Doyle did not grow up on football; but he could lay aside the personal animosities of a contest.

J. J. Doyle soon sold out at Mussel Slough and moved to Tulare; at the same time he took a timber claim at an elevation of 6,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. On it was a stand of Sequoia trees now in Balch Park. In 1885, for their health's sake the family began spending the summers there. Many others from Tulare and elsewhere began camping there; and J. J. Doyle sold 125 house (or tent) lots and called the place Summer Home. (It was about a mile from Mountain Home.)

Clint Brown bought the first lots sold and brought up some dairy cows to furnish milk. The Doyles themselves lived in the three rooms of the fallen log of a Sequoia tree. The Big Tree in front of it was named Lady Alice for Mrs. Doyle. Summer Home was reached by a steep trail from Doyle's Springs on the north Fork of Middle Tule. Later the old Frazier Mill road up North Tule was made into an easier approach. The timber lies on the heights between the headwaters of the Tule branches.

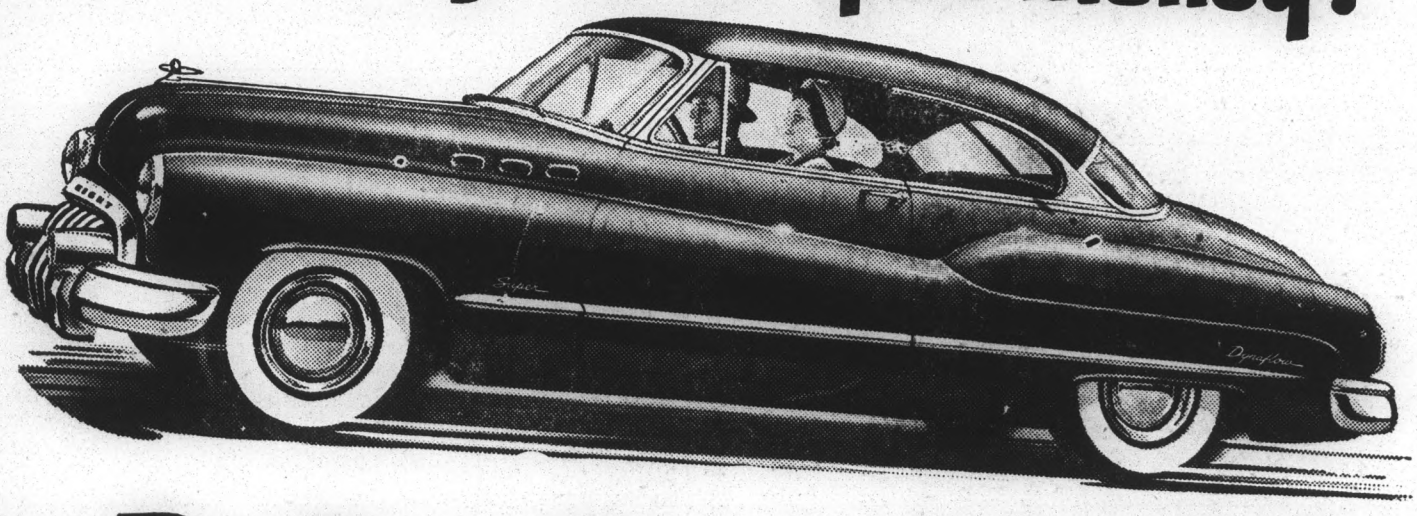
At Doyle's Springs, J. J. Doyle's nephew, Wilbur Doyle, had taken a homestead on the north side of the river and A. A. Howard one on the south side. J. J. Doyle bought both and extended the apple orchard Wilbur had started; and the Doyles, from 1888 or '89 made their summer home in Wilbur's cabin, which was constructed of redwood shakes. It was a stopping place on the trail to the higher mountains. A Los Angeles doctor began sending his patients up to drink the water of the big soda spring gushing from a rock. These folks boarded at Mrs. Doyle's; so a resort began.

On the timber claim pines and firs were cut for posts and shakes, which were also made from fallen redwoods; very few Sequoias were cut down. While the family was still there, the Big Tree called the "California" was felled in the timber stand that J. J. Doyle had engaged to cut off of a 13-acre tract belonging to the Horton Estate. (According to the old Porterville Enterprise file that was in August 1889.) The felling of that tree was watched for two weeks by some thousand summer campers only to miss its fall one evening. Cuts and pieces of the California to put on exhibit were taken away by John McKiearnan and Davidson who felled it.

A cut from a Sequoia was taken to Tulare from which President Benj. Harrison made "the biggest stump speech," he said, that he ever made. This was while he campaigned for re-election, probably about 1887. Chester Doyle, young son of the family, watched

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him as he walked across a carpet of roses the school children had laid from the railway train to the stump.

On January 1, 1892—in time for a flood—the Doyle family moved to Porterville for their winter home and to send to school their three children. Chester, Ruby (later Mrs. McFadyan), and Florita (now Mrs. Marr.) J. J. Doyle began writing for the newspapers on protection from floods and general welfare. He had also bought, mostly from the government, 470 acres of timber land back of Mountain Home, which averaged about a Sequoia to the acre among the sugar and yellow pines, and which he finally sold to the Hume-Bennett Co. A succession of owners have not logged it; but it is still in private hands.

The San Joaquin Light and Power Co. bought the 80 acres of forest at Summer Home from the Doyles—father and son. Their intention was to cut the redwoods for flume timber; but Mrs. John Hayes Hammond (the controlling share-holder) refused to allow the cutting when she saw the Big Trees. Later while Chester was an officer in the Lions Club of Porterville that club wanted to make a county park of the Big Trees. There were no funds at hand for buying it; but Mr. Doyle learned from Dave Wishon, engineer for the Power Co. about the hobby of Mr. and Mrs. Balch of buying property to give for public parks. The result was the purchase, the gift, and the name Balch Park.

About 1906 J. J. Doyle sold the Doyle's Springs ranch to A. G. Wishon, as representative of the San Joaquin Light and Power Co. which wanted the water right. The company wanted to make a reservoir there; but the government would not allow the mineral springs to be lost; so they gave the present exclusive summer colony the long lease.

When J. J. Doyle had made these sales he and his wife went to the St. Louis Fair. Then in July, 1907, he bought for over $20,000 from the Estate of Elias Jacobs of Visalia 1,040 acres of the land used as the first Indian Reservation just east of Porterville. Thos. Madden, an employee of the Indian Service had taken this land for himself when it was being secured for the Indians and had received rental for it from the U.S. Indian Bureau.

After the Indians were removed to the present Indian Reservation, he had sold most of it to Elias Jacobs; and it had been used mainly as a cattle ranch. J. J. Doyle also bought 160 acres west of this tract to the city limits; the whole he subdivided for sale. The first purchaser was C. H. Weed for his orange grove. Mr. Doyle opened a road through the willow and cottonwood growth, now East Date Street. Many small lots were sold on a contract plan to be paid for at a rate like rental, at $15 a month. Some took 15 years in paying. If anyone decided not to finish, J. J. Doyle paid him for his improvements.

One lot near the store came back to the Doyles six times. It was a new venture, considered by some as impracticable; but the result has been the many good homes and the substantial businesses of Doyle Colony that justify the founder's business acumen. Through Mr. Doyle's efforts the school called at first Reservation, then Alta Vista, was established on the site he gave. As that school did not bear his name, it is fitting that the more recent school of this community east of Porterville received the name Doyle Colony School. J. J. Doyle died on December 14, 1915. His wife still lives in the old family home at 610 F Street.

EDUCATION

SPRINGVILLE, June 29, 1950—Clyde Simpson, Springville elementary school superintendent, has been appointed to the Tulare County board of education. He replaces a pioneer school official, Charles E. Bigham, of Porterville, who served on the county board of education for 43 years.

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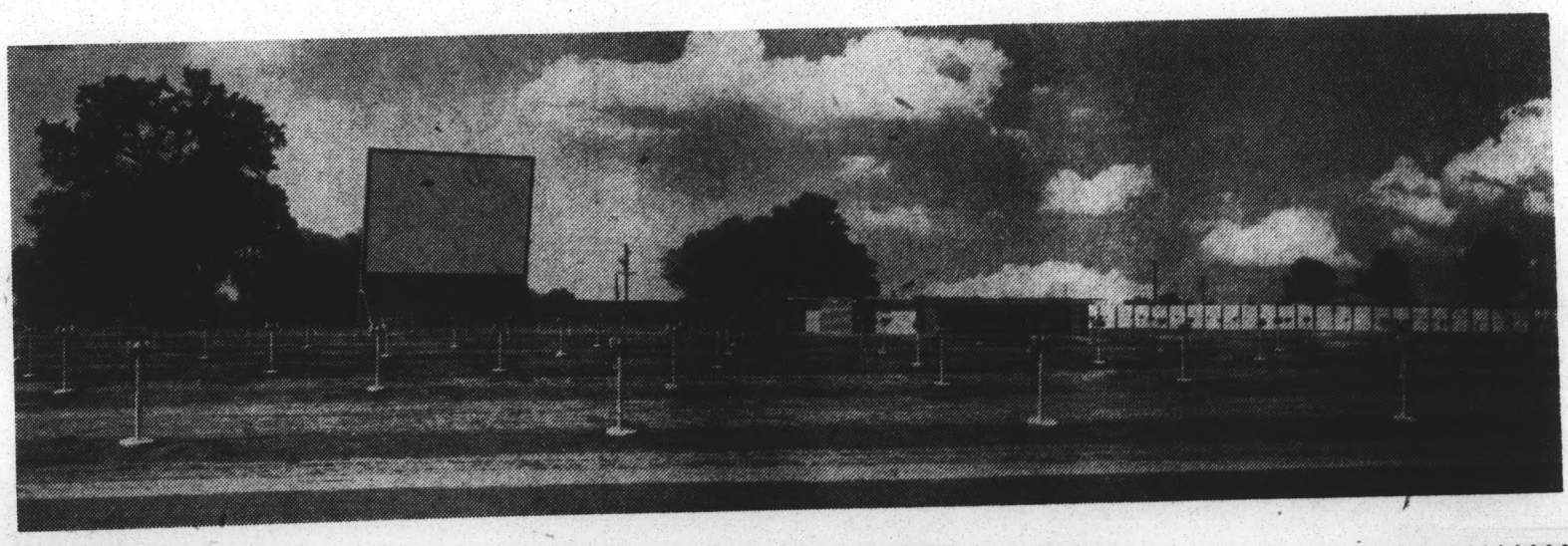
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A. A. ABBEY

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England ancestry they were aware of the relationship although born in different states and settling by accident in the same California town.

In the Civil War, Mr. Abbey was on the Union side in the Battle of Gettysburg. Following the war he was in the lumber-milling business in Michigan and Wisconsin. Coming to Porterville in 1876 after two years in California, he first had a livery stable. Then, in 1880, he and C. A. McLean remodeled the twenty-year-old flouring mill, in what is now Murry Park, by putting in rollers instead of the old grinding stones and adding bolting machinery.

Six years later, Mr. Abbey turned to the orange industry. In partnership with Thos. Kelley he planted 80 acres to a commercial grove, which later they divided between them. He was a member and officer in that "insurance order," the Ancient Order of United Workmen, which may have been the first lodge organized in Porterville and which was in existence in 1882.

In 1881, Mr. Abbey and Emma Gilmer were married; their three children who grew up are Rosalind, Lawrence, and Hester. Emma Gilmer was one of the four daughters of Rufus Gilmer, a Tulare county pioneer of the 60's (the one son was Guy Gilmer).

Mr. Gilmer had acquired a tract of land just south of Porter Slough, and gave them for a wedding present some lots for the Abbey home at what is now the northwest corner of Olive and Main streets—one of the first homes south of the Slough. There is an old picture of the Abbey home with its large trees — the walnut trees grafted by Dr. Barber, one of the first trees grafted in Porterville) that was straightway cut down by the man to whom Mrs. Abbey sold the home after Mr. Abbey's death; and the oak tree that she had saved from the axe; and an olive tree that Mr. Abbey asked the street commission to leave. Mr. Abbey, though once a lumberman, liked to conserve trees.

THEY DIRECT 1950 VETERANS' HOMECOMING EVENT



DIRECTING THIS year's Veterans' Homecoming celebration, November 11 in Porterville are, left to right — Edgar Sutherland, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Willard Wall, American Legion co-chairman. John Knutson, VFW commander and Elmore Salisbury, Legion commander. Football, hot rod racing, pioneer reunion, dances, a parade, a carnival and street entertainment are on the annual celebration program. (Photos, Sutherland, Wall, Knutsen by Hammond; Salisbury by Jim Lusk.)

J. N. LARSON

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mustache.

Mr. Larson was born in Chicago, October 16, 1859, the son of Scandinavian parents. His father was a ship carpenter, which perhaps influenced the son to pursue the building trades, both on his first trip to California in 1874 and after he left Chicago in 1877 and did contracting in California and Colorado wherever towns were rapidly growing, like San Diego in the late 80's. He was for a while in Lodi; so after the work slackened in San Diego he located in Lodi.

From there he came to Porterville in 1897 and bought and enlarged the Greeley ice business. He set up a similar business in both Tulare and Visalia, where there was associated with him Jesse Frame, who ultimately bought out the Porterville business.

It was John N. Larson who took over from J. L. Kinkade the building that Kinkade had constructed for a hotel on the site of the first Porter Putnam station-house and store. Larson turned it into a department store building for N. H. Leggett in 1904. Mr. Larson also owned an orange grove on Sunnyside Avenue, which was sold years ago, and also one west of Murry Park; a street in the latter vicinity has been named Larson Street.

Mr. Larson died in 1907; and his widow, Mrs. Mattie Larson, with their two daughters, Verda and Helen, left Porterville in 1914 to live in Oakland. She now lives at the Berkeley Women's Club. However, she kept most of the Porterville property, but recently sold the building on the northeast corner of Main and Oak streets (the first Putnam site) to a Los Angeles firm who then divided it for the present separate businesses.

BASEBALL

PORTERVILLE, Feb. 13, 1891 —The baseball game played by the Porterville Red Caps and the Rockford Roarers at Rockford, Sunday afternoon, lasted three hours and resulted in a score of 39 to 49 in favor of the former. The Roarers will play the Red Caps again at this place a week from next Sunday.

February 22, 1890. Al Howard and A. J. Doty made a trip to Frazier's Mill last Tuesday. At Harper's ranch they had to resort to snow shoes. Every house they passed on up the road they found broken in from the weight of the snow and several buildings at the mill broken down and damaged to the extent of $700.

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